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Hidden Answers

1. On what occasion in Congo was a cake of soap passed out as a reward?
2. Is the church doing anything for the migrant workers? What?
3. What is Mrs. Castillo's first contribution in Christian education?
4. Why may the church expect to continue holding vacation church schools?
5. Who set up housekeeping in a fireplace?
6. Australia will entertain what convention in 1952?
7. What reasons has H. B. Mc. for continuing to believe in missions?
8. What equipment does Dr. Blood have at Hazel Green?
9. Who heads up the Department of Interchurch Aid and Service of the World Council of Churches?
10. Describe some projects in Japan which bring a positive Christian message to youth and students.

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Global Highlights

News of the World Through the Eyes of the Church

Mrs. F. M. Rains Dies in Norwood

NORWOOD, OHIO. — Mrs. F. M. Rains, former office editor of WORLD CALL, died suddenly in her home here April 14. After the death of her husband, well-known foreign missions secretary, Mrs. Rains came to the national offices to aid W. R. Warren, first editor of WORLD CALL, in the writing of his biography of A. McLean. She also helped with work on WORLD CALL and in 1922 became officially a member of the staff.

Mrs. Rains retired in 1937. Serving with all four of WORLD CALL's editors, Mrs. Rains brought to this magazine a quiet efficiency, a deep sense of loyalty and a wide knowledge of world affairs gained in part as she accompanied her husband on his journeys to mission fields. Three members of the WORLD CALL staff attended the memorial services held for Mrs. Rains in Norwood April 17.

Minck to Head Unified Promotion

INDIANAPOLIS. — Franklin M. Minck, pastor of High Street Church of Christ, Akron, Ohio, was elected president of the Directors of Unified Promotion of Disciples of Christ at the annual meeting held here. Serving as chairman of the Central Committee of Unified Promotion will be Spencer P. Austin of Indianapolis.

William T. Pearcy was elected president of the Crusade for a Christian World which has completed its work except for service to local churches which are continuing their efforts. The Crusade announces that Week of Compassion receipts to April 30 totaled $419,032.88.

Tupper Will Go to Drake

DES MOINES, IOWA.—Charles B. Tupper, minister of First Christian Church, Springfield, Ill., will come to Drake University here Sept. 1 as associate professor in the department of applied Christianity in the Bible College, it was announced by Pres. Henry G. Harmon.

Graduated from Drake, Dr. Tupper studied at the University of Chicago, and has been a national Disciples leader of high standing.

Plans on Point IV Made by Churchmen

BUCK HILL FALLS, PA.—More than 100 leading churchmen, educators, State Department and United Nations officials met in conference here April 24-26 to iron out relations between church agencies and government in programs of technical assistance in underdeveloped areas.

This conference, the first of its kind, was sponsored by the Department of International Justice and Good Will and the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches. The Rt. Rev. William Scarlett, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Missouri served as chairman.

Four major topics discussed were: (1) the needs and aspirations of peoples in underdeveloped areas; (2) the guiding principles for the churches in economic and social development; (3) the relation of the churches to the making of public policy; and (4) implications of the technical assistance programs for the life work of the churches.

Disciples of Christ who attended the conference were James A. Crain and Virgil A. Sly, executive secretaries of The United Christian Missionary Society, and Geo. Walker Buckner, Jr., editor of WORLD CALL.

Church Relief Program Planned for Near East

BEIRUT, LEBANON (RNS). — Plans for the mobilization of church relief efforts among Near East refugees were made here in a conference of world leaders May 4-8. The conference was sponsored jointly by the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council.

Plans for church groups and United Nations agencies deal with rehabilitation needs of refugees, including housing, employment and education.

Mobile Classroom

—Photo by Sammy F. Lee, Los Angeles

The Santa Monica Bay Council of Churches operates this mobile classroom to take better equipment more effectively to children in grades 4, 5 and 6 in its Released-Time Religious Education program. The classroom is parked close to the school building at class time. It has a worship center, blackboard and projection screen besides comfortable seating arrangements and work surfaces. Wales E. Smith, pastor of First Christian Church, is chairman of the Council's committee on Released-Time Religious Education.

Quakers Speak On Issue of Race

PHILADELPHIA (RNS).—Underprivileged and neglected racial groups hold the balance of power in the world-wide struggle between democracy and communism. This statement was made jointly by the two Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia Friends in their annual session held here.

The Quaker bodies recommended that the United States divert some of its military defense funds to the Point IV program for economic aid and to create good will, especially among the colored peoples of the world. They urged that, as an antidote to communism, this country try to correct the impression of "white superiority and of imperialism" that is abroad in the world.

Morrison to Give Hoover Lectures

CHICAGO. — Charles Clayton Morrison, editor emeritus of the *Christian Century,* will give the 1951 Hoover Lectures on Christian unity here Oct. 29-31. Dean W. B. Blakemore of the Disciples Divinity House has announced that the lectures will be held in Mandel Hall of the University of Chicago.

A special feature of the Fourth Series of Hoover Lectures will be a conference on Christian unity sponsored by the Association for the Promotion of Christian Unity and a series of workshops sponsored by the Chicago Church Federation. F. E. Davison of South Bend, Ind., Irvin L. Lunger of Chicago, and Doyle Mullen of Lafayette, Ind., constitute the committee in charge of the Association's unity conference.

Pioneer in Social Welfare

Dr. Alva W. Taylor introduces his wife at the Recognition Dinner given him by Disciples of Christ and friends April 2 at Northwood Christian Church in Indianapolis. Dr. Taylor is a pioneer in the social welfare program of the church. His work was the foundation of the present department of social welfare of The United Christian Missionary Society.

Special Days

June 3—Children's Day
June 17—Achievement Day
July 1—Freedom and Democracy Day

Director of Crusade Goes to Danville

DANVILLE, ILL. — G. Gerald Sias, former general director of A Crusade for a Christian World, came to Central Christian Church here as pastor in May. Dr. Sias was a member of the committee that planned and developed the three-year Crusade program among Disciples, and his leadership had much to do with its success.

Dr. Sias, graduate of Cotner College, has studied at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago and in 1950 received the honorary D. D. degree from Phillips University. He came to the Crusade from the pastorate of the First Christian Church, Ponca City, Okla. He has been a member of the board of managers of The United Christian Missionary Society and a member of the Committee on Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches.

Bible College Head Receives High Honors

DUNEDIN, N. Z.—A. L. Haddon, principal of the Bible College here was chosen president-elect at the Annual Conference of Disciples of Christ. Dr. Haddon will become president in 1952, which will mark his twenty-fifth year as head of the College. He is the second president in the history of the Conference to serve a second term. He served in 1930.

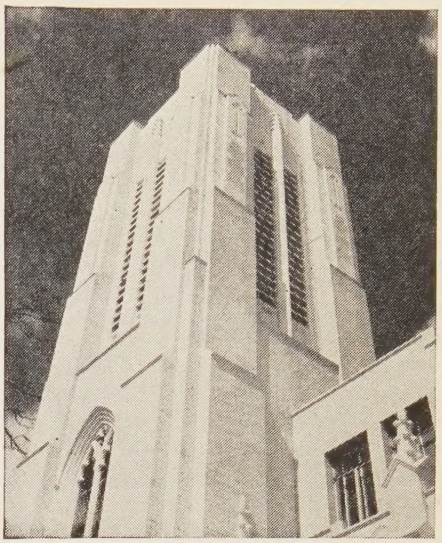
The same week he was elected president of the Otago Branch of the National Council of Churches for a third term, an honor never before accorded to anyone. He is also president of the Otago Branch of the Council of Organizations for Relief Service Overseas and first vice-president of the World Convention of Disciples of Christ, which is to meet in Melbourne, Australia, in August, 1952.

Baptists and Disciples Plan 1952 Conventions

INDIANAPOLIS. — Gaines M. Cook, executive secretary of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ, and Reuben E. Nelson, general secretary of the American Baptist Convention, announced recently that detailed plans for the "simultaneous" Conventions of the two bodies in Chicago in May, 1952, are being completed. The American Baptists will meet in the International Amphitheatre and the Disciples of Christ will meet in Medinah Temple.

The two Conventions will meet in four joint sessions in the Amphitheatre. For these sessions programs of mutual concern have been arranged. The final joint session will be a communion service at which George A. Buttrick, New York clergyman and author, will preach the sermon.

Tower of Christian Unity



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The Tower of Christian Unity in the new First Christian Church, Jackson, Miss., was dedicated in a special union service in March. Clergy from the Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal and Lutheran churches participated in the service. Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, chairman of the Convocation on Church Union, gave the sermon. It was followed by the consecration hymn, "The Church's One Foundation."

Japanese Law Gives Religious Freedom

TOKYO (RNS).—Legal guarantees of the freedom accorded Christian churches in Japan since the end of the war have been embodied in the new Religious Corporations Law passed by the Lower House and the House of Councilors.

According to the law no individual, group or organization can be restricted "from disseminating teachings, observing ceremonies or functions and conducting other re-

ligious acts." It provides for "a religious juridical person" with rights to carry on public welfare enterprises.

Once a religious institution has been "authenticated," the government is obliged to follow the regular court procedure if it wishes to take action against it. This rules out arbitrary action by local officials.

The law is expected to be officially promulgated soon.

Church of Christ Organizes in Italy

DALLAS, TEX. (RNS).—Church of Christ missionaries have organized nine churches with 450 members in Italy despite attempted bombings and physical violence, one of the missionaries said here.

C. R. Paden of Lubbock, Tex., who is on a visit to the U. S. to explain the work to Churches of Christ, said the 13 missionaries had been harassed by the Italian government almost from the moment they landed at Naples in January, 1949. He said the opposition of the Roman Catholic Church at first caused the Communist Party in Italy to defend the missionaries' work, but now they are labeled in the communist press as spies.

Much of the support for Mr. Paden and other missionaries of the denomination in Italy comes from Texas Churches of Christ.

CROP Sets 1951 National Goals

CHICAGO. — The Christian Rural Overseas Program, better known as CROP, has set a national goal of 1,400 carloads of foodstuff for collection on America's farms in the 1951 harvest appeal. The announcement was made at a four-day state directors' conference here. Directors from 16 top agricultural states attended and heard leaders in relief work review world conditions.

Conditions in Korea were described by Wha Sook Su, formerly of Seoul. He said that force breeds force and a lasting peace can only be obtained by demonstrations of good will such as are shown by the American farmer through CROP.

American Christian Group in Palestine

JERUSALEM (RNS).—A delegation of the American Christian Palestine Committee arrived here early in April on a study tour of the Middle East. Headed by Carl Hermann Voss, of New York, chairman of the committee's executive council, the group previously visited Lebanon and Jordan to investigate conditions in refugee camps.

The Jordan visit marked the first time that delegates of the American organization, which has conducted a number of study tours, have been admitted into the Arab states.

Religious Concert to Be Given in Royal Albert Hall

LONDON.—As part of the religious side of the Festival of Britain a concert of anthems from the Festival Music-book of the Free Church Choir Union will be presented at the Royal Albert Hall here June 23. The program will include Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise." Sir Adrian Boult will conduct, supported by Dr. Eric Thiman at the organ and the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Annual festival music-books are published to give choirs new music so that congregations will not weary of "vain repetitions." This year's volume is reported to be rich in beautiful music.

Beneath the Spire

WHEN Disciples meet in Spokane, Wash, in June for state convention, the president will be ERNEST I. MITCHELL, friendly and able town and country pastor of Creston, Wash., where he has served 25 years . . . born and bred on an Iowa farm, he has always lived near the soil, once was a blacksmith . . . in 1905 married Ethel White; they have a daughter and granddaughter . . . he received A.B. degree from Spokane U., 1919, M.R.E. from Boston U., 1920 . . . Army chaplain in World War I . . . his other pastorates: Kennewick, Prosser, Kingston, Wilbur, Wash., Payette and Grangeville, Idaho . . . often attends International Conventions.

Mr. Mitchell

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MRS. RAYMOND F. MCLAIN, wife of the president of Transylvania College, Lexington, Ky., is an international folk arts authority, increasingly concerned with folk materials for church and community recreation . . . June 14-29 will teach Transylvania folk workshop . . . her home library of 1,500 folk volumes, some rare, one of most complete folklore collections anywhere . . . for three summers directed student recreation on Atlantic ships; taught in English and European folk festivals . . . born in Ohio as Beatrice Kane, has A.B. from Bethany College, had graduate studies at Kentucky, Mexico, Columbia Universities and Sorbonne . . . mother of Raymond Kane, who recently left Harvard graduate studies for Army, and Rosemary . . . former president Lexington YWCA and board member AAUW, Central Ky. Women's Club, Child Guidance Clinic.

Mrs. McLain

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PAUL SCHWEITZER was board chairman, First Christian Church, Norfolk, Va., during active progress of Crusade for a Christian World, resulting in $21,000 goal achievement on schedule . . . now an elder, worship chairman and church school teacher of youth . . . born in Illinois, 1903, lived in Tucson for several years, then Los Angeles where in 1918 joined University Christian Church . . . in 1936 moved to Washington, D. C., becoming active in Ninth Street Church . . . moved to Norfolk in 1940, married Edna Stillman; their children are Mark, Elizabeth, Kay Marie . . . second-year president Norfolk Central YMCA, member board Norfolk Community Chest, Council of Social Agencies . . . as professional hydrologist, president Layne-Atlantic Co., water supply contractors . . . travels 25,000 miles annually via personal plane . . . camera fan and hunter, reads monthly novel, *Reader's Digest, Fortune, Time,* trade journals.

Mr. Schweitzer

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"Building America's Right"

ACCORDING to the Golden Rule Foundation, a conservative estimate of contributions of the American people for religion, education, welfare and philanthropy would be three and one-half billions of dollars. The Foundation calls attention to the recent report of Charles E. Wilson, Director of Defense Mobilization, made under the title, "Building America's Might." This report shows that Congress has made available for military purposes since the invasion of Korea fifty-two billion dollars—about fifteen times the amount the people of the nation give for religion, education and benevolence. With this contrast in mind, Robert M. Hopkins, the Foundation's president, asks:

"Is it what we do to *Build America's Might* that will in the long future tell the story—or what we do to *"Build America's Right?"*

They Follow the Crops

THOUSANDS of migrant agricultural workers are now "following the crops" all across the United States. Sometimes they go as lone individuals, but more frequently they go as families. The mothers work alongside the fathers, as do the older children. Sometimes the children must evade laws meant to protect them.

The housing of these migrants is usually substandard and they are forced to neglect the children left at home through the day to shift for themselves. Every dollar that can be earned by each member of the family capable of working is needed to make up for the days of unemployment which have preceded and which will follow this intensive period of grueling labor.

Frequently, our church people, working under the direction of the National Council of Churches, render important service to these hard-pressed families through programs of education, recreation and child care. Sometimes units of our government help too. But despite all that all of us can do, the lot of migrant workers is hard and the social cost of the services they render is very high—far higher than the financial cost.

These workers who follow the crops are from many groups. They are Negroes, Puerto Ricans, Mexicans, and of many other racial groups, including those whose Anglo-Saxon ancestors came here generations ago. Because they follow the crops, doing seasonal work wherever it is available, industrial farms will make more money and canneries will operate full-speed and we shall all of us eat more cheaply next winter. But part of the cost of this system is the moral cost to the families of the migrants and to a society that can devise no better way to care for its crops—and for its people. Americans and Christians must face up to this situation with practical realism and with hope. Our church programs among migrants must go on. In addition, we must as a people seek after a better life for those who follow the crops.

Seeking a World Strategy

WHAT should be the strategy of the churches in relation to peoples in underdeveloped areas of the world? This question was asked by one hundred twenty-five church leaders and workers in a conference held the last week of April in Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania.

The conference was sponsored by two groups of the National Council of Churches—the Division of Foreign Missions and the Department of International Justice and Good Will. The assembly served as a meeting ground for churchmen and for leaders of state and of the United Nations concerned with the developing program of international economic aid. Speakers included such men as Nelson Rockefeller, Francis Sayre, John C. Bennett and Dr. Fu Liang Chang. Speeches, however, served only as a background for discussion as to what the churches can do in the present world emergency.

A fuller report of this conference will be made in a later issue of WORLD CALL. We quote here only a paragraph from Nelson Rockefeller which is representative of the approach of the conference to the needs of underdeveloped countries:

"Hunger, poverty, disease and ignorance constitute a far more lasting threat than the aggression of Soviet imperialism."

This younger member of the distinguished American family added that hit-or-miss attacks on global scourges of hunger and disease must give way to an organized approach.

The Lord's Disciple

By JESSIE M. TROUT

Editorial Note: *Dr. H. B. McCormick retires as president of The United Christian Missionary Society June 30, 1951. The editor of* WORLD CALL *invited Miss Jessie M. Trout, vice-president of the United Society and long-time associate of Dr. McCormick in Christian work, to write this guest editorial in tribute to his service.*

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (John 13:35)

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matt. 22:37-40)

IN the above quotations from Jesus' own words, we have Jesus' requirements for discipleship. Most Christians strive to meet these requirements but few have achieved such nearly perfect accomplishment as has the retiring president of The United Christian Missionary Society, Dr. H. B. McCormick. With the simple dignity and never-failing courtesy that are earmarks of a Christian gentleman, Dr. McCormick has given everyday witness to his discipleship.

In the five years that he has headed the work of the United Society, he has accomplished remarkable things. Progress in coordination both among departments within the Society as well as with agencies outside the Society, enlarged plans for Jarvis Christian College, broadened horizons in foreign work all attest to his administrative ability. His vital contribution to the formation and work of the Council of Agencies, to the post-Crusade plans of Unified Promotion which have resulted in the new Commission on Brotherhood Finance give testimony to his clear-sighted vision as well as to his executive talents. His participation in interdenominational work has added new luster to an already shining record and invitations for his speeches and sermons have been much in excess of his time to accept.

SINCE Dr. McCormick served the churches as executive secretary of the promotional division in The United Christian Missionary Society from 1923 to 1930, he brought to this more recent term in the Society a valuable body of experience. From those years in general work and also because he served as president of the International Convention in 1941 and in other positions of leadership, he has a wide acquaintance among Disciples. He is the confidant of the distinguished leaders among us and the counselor for many a young minister.

Rich as all these experiences are, Dr. McCormick speaks most often of his work as pastor. He has served several large city pastorates but his most recent charge was in Lakewood, Ohio, where he ministered for sixteen years prior to coming to the United Society in 1946. His great shepherd-heart reached out to all in need until his skill as a pastoral counselor became known far and wide.

The list of accomplishments are great but to his colleagues in the work and to the people in the churches his greatest contribution will always be the new spirit of understanding, concern and tolerance which his own spirit of love has brought.

The entire staff of The United Christian Missionary Society, whether in the office, the field, or around the world have felt the contagion of this spirit of love. Colleagues in other boards bear testimony to the "sweet savor of Christ" which his influence and presence have brought to our brotherhood life.

Many times he has expressed regret that he had so little time for individual conferences and yet the amazing thing is that so many have found him available for conference. Members of the service department have found him a sympathetic friend whether the problem has been personal or connected with their work. Directors and secretaries have found him equally ready to give his time and share his experiences. Missionaries, field staff, ministers, lay persons in the churches have all felt free to write Dr. McCormick, knowing that their letter would receive sincere and personal attention. With no reserve he has poured out his life for the Master he loves and the brotherhood he serves.

WE, who work with him, gladly pay tribute to this lovely influence that has made our lives better and pray that joy and love and peace may be the day by day companion of his life.

As he goes from the stress of administrative leadership, we can wish nothing better for our brotherhood than that they take him and his gracious partner as their ministers-at-large in a ministry of love.

We Hail H. B. McCormick

WORLD CALL joins thousands of friends in hailing Dr. H. B. McCormick as he rounds out a five-year term of distinguished service as president of The United Christian Missionary Society. On the following page there appear a characteristic picture of this greathearted leader at his desk and a characteristic expression of the vital faith in the Christian world movement which has led him on.

More Than Ever— I Believe in Missions

By H. B. McCORMICK

THE church is rediscovering its world mission. For what it means to the life of the church, if for no other reason, it is essential that this rediscovery be made. Through the centuries it has been demonstrated again and again that when the church launches out in a world program the church itself becomes vigorous and strong, but the periods in which the mission of the church has received scant consideration have been periods of great weakness and defeat, as in Russia, Germany and Italy.

Dr. Emil Brunner rightly says, "The church exists by missions just as fire by burning." When there is no fuel for the fire, the fire goes out. When there is no world mission the church has a "name to live," but "it is dead."

But the need for the world mission of the church reaches far beyond the church itself. Men are in such vast confusion today that it has caused what someone has called a "world neurosis," and well it might. With two world wars fought in less than half a century, with Tojo having planted widely the seeds of race war, with Russia stirring up civil strife in many lands, is it any wonder that peoples who have recently achieved freedom are driven almost to despair and that powerful nations are draining their resources and manpower in an effort to achieve security?

World missions are needed in this situation as never before. Among the several reasons three seem most obvious to me.

1. *I believe more than ever in the world mission of the church because we are faced with universal human need on a physical level.* Jesus said, "Give ye them to eat," and we must be about this business of the Master. How helpful it is that we can send surplus food and other materials to relieve suffering, as, for example, surplus wheat to India! This must be done since it may save many lives, but obviously it will not meet the basic physical needs.

These basic needs can be met only when men the world around understand that they are brothers all, and share with men everywhere the produce that their climate and soil make possible. But since there is no other process known among men whereby complete world brotherhood can be achieved save through

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Vacation Church Schools— Fifty Years and a Future!

By RUTH REYNOLDS*

THE Vacation Church School (VCS) Movement is fifty years old this year. This anniversary is being celebrated all across the United States and Canada. The slogan for its celebration is "Fifty Years and a Future." Most gratifying progress has been made in the development of Vacation Church Schools during the fifty years.

A Fascinating History

The history of the movement is fascinating reading. Some interesting articles may be found in several issues of WORLD CALL in 1919, 1920 and 1921. The titles include "New Day, Bible Class," "Lend a Hand," "Successful Experiment in Union," "Progress of a Decade," "Real Service Class," "Daily Vacation Bible School Primary Class Saluting Flag," "Summer Slump or Vital Service and Basketry Class." WORLD CALL has through the years told of VCS in the immigrant community, in India, in the Philippines, in China and other countries.

From the 1921 Year Book pages we read, "Special emphasis is being laid upon the Daily Vacation Bible School Movement. During the idle vacation period children were brought into empty churches in the cities and cared for largely by unemployed college students." In the 1923 Year Book is found, "One month was spent in the VCS at Fort Worth, Texas, with the East Annie Street Church. This was the first and only such school conducted for Negro children in all of the southwest. There was an enrollment of 72."

During a VCS meeting the question was asked, "What experience have you had that makes you interested in getting others to teach in Vacation Church Schools?"

One of the ministers replied, "If it hadn't been for a Vacation Bible School, I would not be in the ministry today. That is where I got my start."

If such a question were asked fifty years from now the answers would be similar. It is very clear that we build upon and profit by the experience of the past years. Sometimes we feel we have fallen far short of our goals. There may seem too little carry-over into attitudes in games, and life in general outside the school, at least as far as we are able to observe it. Then later in the summer, or even months later, reports come to our attention of lives changed because of the experiences in the Vacation Church School.

Understanding Needs

Larry disturbed the group by constantly playing the piano and doing other annoying things. Because of a teacher who tried to understand his needs he soon became an important member of the group. He asked for a paper and colored chalk and with them made a lovely frieze of a tent, palm trees, hills, sky and the Bible characters they had studied about in class. He also helped make a tent church for the kindergarten children.

After he had finished he remarked, "I'd like to be in here when the little children come in the morning."

"Why, Larry?"

"I'd like to see the light in the little folks's eyes when they see my tent church."

A most troublesome boy nine and a half years old showed his teacher Psalms 100. Then he read Deut.

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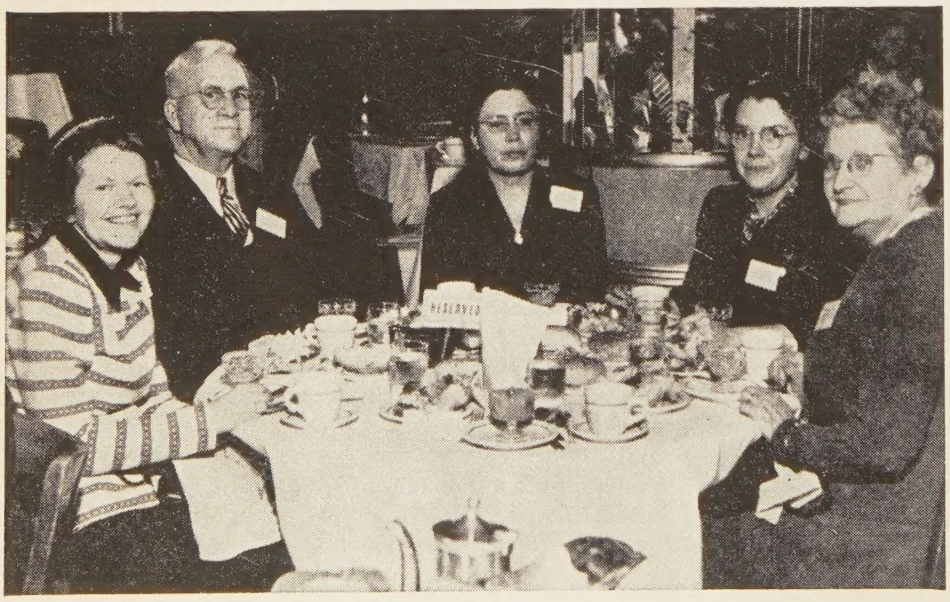

Left to right are Miss Constance Clapp, Dayton, Ohio; Peter Person, Chicago; Miss Florence Martin, Dayton; Mrs. Albert A. Linder, Youngstown, Ohio; and Mrs. Wallace G. Fisher, Los Angeles, Calif. These five Christian educators, who have taught a total of 130 years, are shown at a luncheon of the Annual Meeting of the International Association of Daily Vacation Bible Schools in Columbus, Ohio. The Association met in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches, where celebrations were launched marking the fiftieth anniversary of the Vacation Church School Movement.

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At the left and below are scenes from the dramatic presentation of episodes in the history of the Vacation Church School Movement. The pageant was part of the anniversary celebration in Columbus, Ohio, at the Annual Meeting of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches. The presentation was sponsored by the Division in cooperation with the Franklin County Council of Churches.

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6:4-5 to her and said, "I thought this book was just for big folks and just big folks could read out of this. I'm going to read to my dad."

Vacation Church Schools are schools for practicing Christian living together. It is not enough for us to teach our boys and girls to live helpfully with each other. They must be aware of other boys and girls living in other places.

There is no easy answer to world needs. But we have a deep responsibility as Christians to study the problems and act. "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations." When Jesus gave this command he meant that each of his followers was to have a part in making disciples of all nations.

Use Missionary Units

Vacation Church Schools last summer used missionary units as their study. Just as in all areas, missionary education begins in childhood, for children develop attitudes and appreciations that influence living. A third-year junior group used as their worship center a large globe with white ribbons coming from the ten Disciples missionary fields on the globe leading to displays typical of that particular section of the world.

One child made this comment: "Neither we nor our church can go into all the world literally. However, we can share in the world mission program by giving. If we are taking Jesus' command seriously we will do our part to see that the world shall have our interest, our prayers and our gifts."

Vacation Church Schools for migrant children sponsored by the Home Missions Council are a part of the golden anniversary celebration. Birthday gifts will be given to these schools in the form of needed supplies. As the children plan a dedication service for the gifts they are sending, they will be helped to realize that all boys and girls are God's children.

The VCS offers various opportunities for boys and girls to share offering gifts and visits as expression of friendliness and concern for the welfare and happiness of others. Dr. A. Victor Murray said to some leaders at Toronto last summer, "We must begin at home, where

we are, to get along with our families and neighbors before we can have good national and international relations."

One Year Leads to Another

"Don't let anybody tell you that a small rural church can't have just as good a VCS as any large church. We had as fine a school as I have ever seen in anybody's church," writes an enthusiastic pastor of a pastoral unity. "Hard work and long planning went into the making of such a school but it paid big dividends both in the joy of the workers and the results in the lives of boys and girls. We're going to have another one next summer."

In a community which does not have a church build-

ing, Sunday services are held in a grammer school and weekday activities in the home of members. In spite of this they have tried to carry on an adequate program of Christian education. The problem of a VCS was the difficult one. What to do? Where to hold it? The school building was not available on weekdays.

The Education Committee had given up for two years, deciding, "It couldn't be done." But last summer they said, "We must find a way." After much deliberation they arranged a series of "The Family Goes to Church" nights. They were held on six consecutive Wednesday nights during the summer. One of the church families had a large yard and a basement that could be used.

Activity for the Whole Family

The evenings began at seven o'clock with an hour of recreation for the whole family together. Croquet was set up—you would be amazed how well even kindergarten youngsters can play croquet with daddy. Volleyball and badminton, as well as many table games, were available. A nursery was provided for the very small children.

At eight o'clock the children had their Vacation Church School with activities, stories, dramatizations and other projects. The Chi Rho, Christian Youth Fellowship and adults met together for a discussion on various phases of the "Family and the Church." Films, guest speakers and forums were used and at nine-thirty all enjoyed refreshments together.

At the end of the six weeks the committee marked it as a very successful experiment and even though the church will soon have a new building, they will still use this type of experience in their program. Here necessity helped develop a new and worthwhile program.

In a European community a VCS project known to that community as the *Ecole Biblique* will be enjoyed by adults and children. Their pastor made the remark, "The children mistrust the 'word' because they have seen it betrayed so often by the 'deed' during the war." The VCS project provided the opportunity for Christian deeds.

The Pledge to Our Children

The pledge to our children taken at the White House Conference on Children and Youth contains these statements: "We will provide you with all opportunities possible to develop your own faith in God. . . . So may you grow in joy, in faith in God and in man, and in those qualities of vision and of the spirit that will sustain us all and give us new hope for the future." Vacation Church Schools present a wonderful opportunity for our churches to make wider use of the summer vacation months for the Christian education of boys and girls.

From 500 children in 1901 to 5,000,000 children in 1950! Our future goal for the Vacation Church School is to reach America's 17,000,000 unchurched children and to reach out around the world. For Disciples of Christ that means in the next ten years effective Vacation Church Schools in every church.

Editorial Note: *Mrs. Spice and her husband, Byron, are first-term missionaries in Mexico with The United Christian Missionary Society. They operate a model farm at Pabellon and come very close to the hearts of the Mexican people in their everyday living. Mrs. Spice gives here a glimpse of that life.*

JUMP, Josie, jump!" urged Carmen in a whisper. I emerged from the house just in time to see Josephine, thus advised, throw one bare leg over the edge of the flat roof.

"No, no," I shouted. "Don't you dare, don't you dare!"

Josephine disappeared from view and Carmen shrank back in a dark brown giggle. The pair had been recommended to me by the American family who lived in the pink house before we came.

"The customs of the Mexican people are different," Mrs. King had explained. "You must not be upset when they do things in their own way—for example, Josephine prefers to iron on the floor. . . . "

I looked up at the spot where Josephine had been. She was different all right. She came to work when she felt like it. She washed everything in cold water—dishes, floors and clothes. She left when she felt like it, depending on whether anything interesting was happening at my house. She opened drawers to see what was inside. The days when Carmen came along to wash clothes, it seemed the house jarred and jiggled with whispers, crashes and the snapping of wet dishcloths.

"Josephine," I demanded, "how did you get up there?"

She poked her eyes out over the edge. "I climbed up the drainpipe. But I can't get down again!" She showed me the place, and it was perfectly true—her skinny arm wouldn't quite reach.

I couldn't imagine how she got up there in the first place, except that I knew she was quite a climber. She often climbed over the wall when she deigned to come to work before we got up to open the gate. Once she climbed the little peach tree, but she had no trouble getting down that time. The limb broke.

"Josephine," I asked, "if I threw up the clothesline, do you think you could slide down it?"

Josephine Runs the Water Works

A Little Mexican Girl Wins the Heart of a Missionary

By MARJORIE SPICE

"Yes, I could, only there's nothing to tie it onto except the water tank and I'm afraid. I'm afraid it would tip over."

She did look a little scared up there. She works so hard at the little she does that sometimes I forget she's only fourteen. Once I found some old doll furniture the Kings had left and dusted it up a bit. The next day Josephine saw it. She was enchanted.

She immediately set up housekeeping . . . in the living-room fireplace. I guess the bare floor and smoke-blackened walls looked homelike to her. She scrubbed it all out and put the furniture in it. Then she washed and ironed a tea towel for a sheet, and wrapped a big salad fork in the mop rag for a doll baby. All that week I knew where to look for her. Between jobs she was squatted in front of the chimney house. And now she was up on the roof.

I hardened my heart. She had absolutely no business climbing up on that roof, anymore than she had bringing her baby brother to work with her, and taking naps on my guest-room bed.

"I guess I'll have to fire her," I sighed to myself, "that is, if I ever get her down off that roof."

At that moment the town pump started working, and suddenly I remembered I couldn't fire Josephine. She was the only one who knew how to run the water works!

Our little town sits in the middle of a desert. Water is more precious than fine jewels. And the town water works are more intricate than a Swiss watch.

The town owns a deep well and a pump. Each house has its own private tank up on the roof. Twice a day the pump works and (presumably) fills all the tanks. Every man is entitled to all the water he can get while the pump is working. This sounds simple, but an amazing number of valves, check valves, levers and faucets are involved.

Calamity befalls when the water works don't work properly. For two days before Josephine climbed up on the roof, we had had no water in the bathroom. And as the Mexicans say, "Who knows why!"

Anyway, there was Josephine stuck on the roof, and the water running merrily out to flood the garden.

Suddenly Carmen had a thought. "There's an old rusty gate out on the trash pile," she said. "Perhaps we could use that."

"No, no," I protested. "It's tall all right, but it won't reach even as far as the board we tried."

"But if we put it on the doghouse . . . "

Together we dragged in the old rusty gate. I climbed up on the doghouse, which was built right next to the house, and we hoisted the gate up and let it drop against the edge of the roof. Josephine started down.

"Hurry up," I shouted. "Don't you hear the pump pumping?"

Then I noticed she was dripping wet from the waist down. Even one side of her blouse and hair was wet. Suspicion hit me. Had she been taking a bath in our drinking water?

"Josephine, why did you go up on the roof?"

Safely grounded, she grinned and said, "For two days we have had no water in the bathroom. I fixed it. There was a dead bird in the tank drain."

For proof she held up the dead bird.

Needless to say, I did not fire Josephine that day. In fact, she is still with us and not one bit changed. Perhaps that is because that day, instead of scolding her for climbing on the roof to fix the water works, I invited her and her sister into the kitchen for a piece of cake.

Dr. H. I. Blood has doctored thousands of Kentuckians in his office and hospital since 1933. His sturdy jeep takes him to remote places where he used to ride horseback. A serious accident last October kept him from his practice for two months.

Who Will Follow in His Train?

A Christian Doctor Keeps Young by Serving the People of the Kentucky Hills

By BETTY BRIDWELL*

BY some miracle whose secret is known only to God Dr. H. I. Blood is still serving the people of Hazel Green and Wolfe County, Kentucky, as physician and surgeon. Last October Dr. Blood was in an automobile accident. The impact threw his head against the instrument panel of the car, and the knob of the radio was embedded in his forehead, crushing the bone into the brain.

A lesser man would have certainly died, but Dr. Blood's granddaughter, who was with him, took him to the hospital in Huntington, West Virginia, where Dr. Thomas J. Holbrook, brain surgeon, carefully picked out the crushed bone and then watched while God and an iron constitution did the rest.

The seventy-two-year-old doctor has been caring for a stream of people in his office and hospital since December. He now lives at the hospital on the second floor of the boys' dormitory of Hazel Green Academy so that he will not waste his strength in unnecessary exertion.

What manner of man survives such ordeals to keep on serving his fellowmen?

Dr. Blood is a big man—tall, broad-shouldered and ever so slightly stooped. He gives the appearance of stooping a bit to listen to shorter people. He has large hands, but they are the gentle sensitive hands of the surgeon. When he shook hands with me and looked down on me with a broad genial smile, I understood why Dr. Blood is an institution in the thinking of people who know him and his work.

In 1901 H. I. Blood entered Bethany College, West Virginia, to study for the ministry. He worked his way through school. He remembers with pleasure how he managed the first electric plant at Bethany. He married while he was a student preacher and graduated in 1908.

For some reason not too clear even to the mature Dr. Blood, this young man did not find himself in the ministry. He decided it must be medicine for him, so he entered the Eclectic School of Medicine in Cincinnati in 1910 and worked his way through by keeping Sunday preaching appointments.

Dr. Blood's hospital occupies part of the second floor of the boys' dormitory of Hazel Green Academy. It has twelve beds.

*Miss Bridwell, editorial assistant of WORLD CALL, recently visited Hazel Green.

After graduation he began his practice in Middletown, Ohio, and for many years operated a private hospital there, but a case of chronic sinusitis refused to yield to treatment. There were many people in Middletown from the Hazel Green region of the Kentucky Hills. They praised their native hills both for their people and the climate.

The meeting of Dr. Blood and Henry A. Stovall in 1933 seems now almost to have been providential. They met in October. Mr. Stovall told Dr. Blood about the need of the community for a doctor. The doctor found both the climate and the opportunity what he wanted. So the Bloods moved to Hazel Green in November.

A Firm but Kindly Man

At first he had only an office with one nurse. But Hazel Green needed more. In 1936 arrangements were made through Mr. Stovall for part of the second floor of the boys' dormitory of the Hazel Green Academy to be turned over to Dr. Blood. Here he has a twelve-bed hospital—one, a pediatric bed. There is a fully equipped operating room, an X-ray room and lately a very fine incubator bought from government surplus materials.

When I visited the hospital there were two patients—one a faculty member who had tried to teach when she was ill, the other a mother and her new baby. Dr. Blood had doctored the faculty member for a few weeks but could make no progress against the overwork. He kindly but firmly said, "I shall not take care of you unless you will come to the hospital and let us give you the kind of care you need." When I left Hazel Green the teacher was greatly improved and chuckling over Dr. Blood's firmness, which he always has when the situation demands. The new baby was the pride of the community.

The only doctor in Wolfe County, Dr. Blood seems like the indispensable man. He has for nearly twenty years been ready to climb in his car, ride horseback or—since the war—take his jeep to visit the sick in any hollow of the hills.

Dr. Blood fills his own prescriptions from this well-stocked drugroom. He is well posted on new treatments.

In 1949, the last full year of operation of the hospital, there were 4.7 patients per day, 56 babies delivered, 36 major and 34 minor operations performed. Miss Faith Gorrell and Mrs. Edna Mae Lacy serve long hours as nurses in the hospital, but both women are devoted to the work and devoted to Dr. Blood.

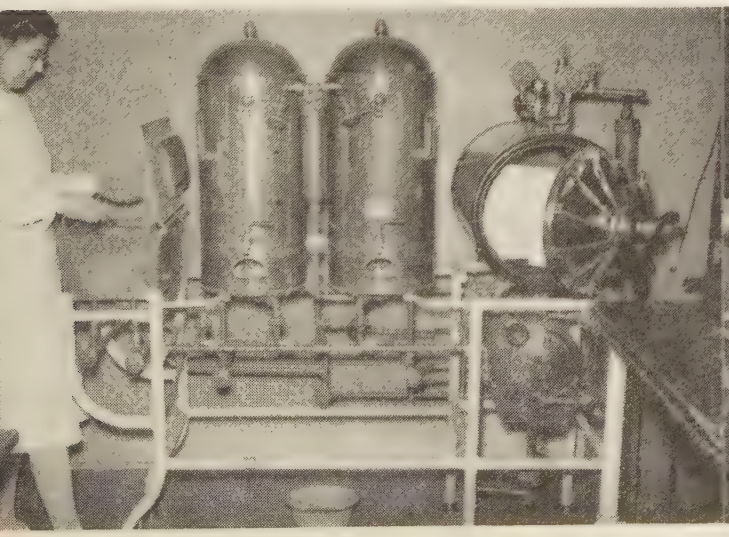
There is no drugstore in Hazel Green, so Dr. Blood has his own drugroom and mixes his own prescriptions. In fact, Dr. Blood is so many things to this community—even the tenor in the church choir—that everyone reacted to his accident in October in the same way.

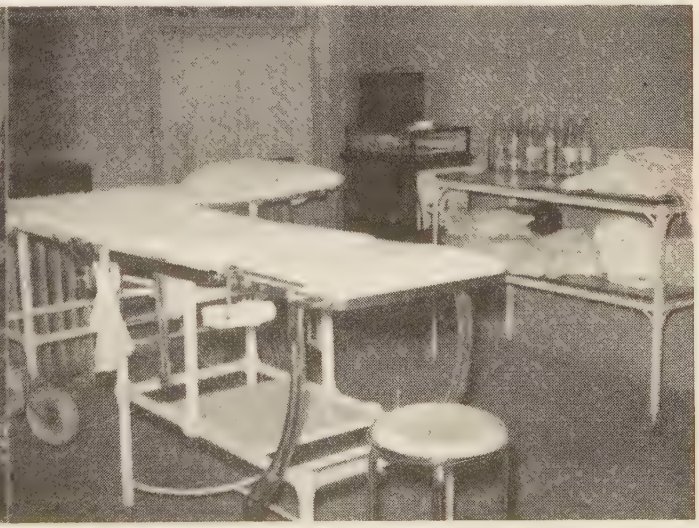
"What would Hazel Green *do* without Dr. Blood?"

He is a fine Christian doctor. Who will follow in his train?

Mrs. Edna Mae Lacy has been with Dr. Blood since 1941. Beside being night nurse she is wife and mother of two children.

Thirty-six major operations were performed in 1949 in this operating room, equipped by Peachtree Christian Church.





Youth in Japan

Seek a Positive Message That Calls for a Total Commitment

By HALLAM J. SHORROCK, JR.*

TODAY, five and one-half years after the surrender, finds Japanese high school and university students lacking in both youthful idealism and interest in theoretical problems. Both characterized the student attitude before the war.

"However," reports Tsunegoro Nara, head secretary of the student department of the Japanese YMCA, "even though such a low tone or apathy in spiritual life is prevailing, it is possible, at the same time, to discover a real hunger for a faith in action. The most harassing question with which the present-day students are faced is how to conduct themselves before the great dilemma between the spiritual values they seek and the actual circumstances which force them to be more and more realistic. . . . Most students do not believe in anything, but are ready to accept any ideology of faith which brings a positive message and calls for a total commitment."

With these facts in mind the National Christian Council's Youth Commission, which brings together into one planning group youth and student leaders from the cooperating denominations, the YMCA and the YWCA, sought in 1950 to offer a program of training and "strategic churchmanship" which would bring a positive Christian message to youth and students, and call for a total commitment.

The major part of this program was in the form of five types of service and action projects: international Christian work camps (ecumenical work camps affiliated with the World Council of Churches), high school work camps, student-in-industry groups, a student-in-politics seminar, and a Christian youth caravan.

International Work Camps

The International Christian Work Camps—From July 16 to August 13, 1950, more than 80 Japanese, 25 American, 3 Korean, 1 Okinawan, 2 Chinese, 1 Siamese, 1 Australian, and 2 Philippine Christian students gathered with pick and shovel to undertake projects of social need in four main centers—Sendai, Tokyo, Osaka, and Matsue. Projects ran from building a barn for a group of Manchurian repatriates in Tokyo to erecting a small hospital building and prisoners' rehabilitation center in Osaka.

Louis Grier, a Presbyterian missionary in Japan and director of the Matsue work camp, summarizes the heart of the Christian work camp thus:

"There are no garden walls in a work camp. (Most Japanese homes are enclosed by some type of wall or fence.) Our work camp went out into those noisy streets and abroad to a remarkable number of places. A playground in an outcaste village. Another in a section of town where the neighborhood had engineered the project cooperatively. Two water reservoirs adjacent to primary schools for use in fire fighting. Due to water seepage and the claylike mud, these projects became affectionately known as the 'snake pits.' Work on roads leading to the UNESCO House and interior repairs. Leveling and filling in ashes in a church nursery play yard. Regular visits to the Red Cross for help in a nursery for abandoned babies under two years of age. Daily children's meetings in various parts of the city."

Contrast to Traditional Religion

Mr. Grier continues, "All of this is in marked contrast to traditional Japanese religion. Buddhism, the religion of ninety per cent of the Japanese population, is avowedly concerned with the art of escape. Freedom from the things of creation and life. Death and nothingness is the absolute finality of everything. And therefore the fine art of escape is the true function of religion—the erection of spiritual garden walls.

"However the divine moment of God in Christ is the complete antithesis. Here is a god who continually stoops down into his creation—revealing, intervening, judging, reconciling, redeeming. Always the seeker after the lost. God comes down not to the mighty but to the lowliest and humblest. Passing by the capital of the Roman Empire, he selects an inconsequential colonial province. Passing by the provincial capital of Jerusalem, he stops at a remote village. Passing by the headmaster's house and the village inn, he comes to rest and birth in a stable. Here begins the incredible message. 'Unto you a Savior has been born.'

"It is as disciples of this Lord that we work campers labor—reaching out to the furtherest nation and down to the lowest class. We sanctify not dreams and illusion and escape, but toil and work and recreation and daily bread, conferring and planning, give and take, the struggle and tension that goes into daily existence. We build not walls, but bridges."

High School Work Camps

High School Work Camps—Over 100 Japanese high school students and leaders participated in these first work camps for high school students in Sapporo, Hirosaki, Yokosuka, and Fukuoka. Projects here ranged from building playgrounds for repatriate children to clearing the ground for the laying of the foundations for an old people's home. In all the high school work camps the main extra-work activities were Bible study, worship, discussion, and recreation within the camp, and in addition children's meetings among the children of the community.

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Workers at the Osaka International Work Camp built a hospital and a prisoners' rehabilitation center. The camp was sponsored by the National Christian Council's Youth Commission. Mr. Shorrock was director.
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Student-in-industry groups went into factories to learn firsthand about such problems as labor, management, wages and hours, strikes, and the other general industrial problems.

Ministers who directed the high school work camps have testified to their real evangelistic value. In Fukuoka, as a result of the two-weeks work camp, two campers decided to enter the seminary and three more to enter full-time Christian work. In Hirosaki an orphan girl, whose family was killed in air raids during the war, was challenged by the Christian life she found in the work camp and decided to enter the Japan Theological Seminary. In Yokosuka, of the ten campers who were seekers at the beginning of the camp, five made the decision to follow Christ and have been baptized. The other five are doing further study in preparation for baptism.

Students in Industry

Students in Industry—Two more pioneer projects for students in 1950 were these student-in-industry groups in Tokyo and Osaka. Over forty men and women students gathered in these groups to spend four weeks in various factories—studying by firsthand experiences the relationship of their Christian faith with such present-day problems as labor, management, wages and hours, strikes, and the general industrial society.

Cyril Powles, missionary with the Episcopal Church of Canada and director of the Osaka group, reports:

"The leaders made a tour of inspection of each factory during the course of the camp. In the main, conditions were fair, as the students had been placed in jobs where there was little danger to them personally. Both students and leaders were impressed by the inadequacy of safety precautions, especially in heavy industries, and accidents were known to be frequent.

"Further, it was discovered that most companies used day-labor as a means of incentive, keeping disagreeable and monotonous jobs in this category, but offering the incentive of transfer to better jobs after a certain period of probation. However, the students discovered that some workers had been 'on probation' for as long as three years, never knowing when they might be laid off. All of our students, except the girls, were in this kind of job. Other conditions noticed by the directors were insufficient rest periods or breaks during the day, low wage scales, especially in textiles, and paternalism.

"The study program was divided under three headings: Christianity, industrial society, and the Christian in an industrial society. In the first category, the director was asked to lead a group which studied the four Gospels as documents of a revolutionary social movement. In the second, a course of four lectures was given by authorities on their fields, which included

university professors, trade union officials, and newspaper men, possessing a wide range of views. These four lectures dealt with (a) the historical background of Japanese industry, (b) the trade union movement in Japan, (c) company organization, and (d) the relation of Japanese industry to her politics, both in national and international spheres.

"An effort was made to have worship as the center of the camp life, integrating the formal aspect of prayer with the life of the community, and the jobs of the students."

Students in Politics Seminar

Students in Politics Seminar—This project was again the first of its kind in Japan. Ten students gathered at the National YMCA in Tokyo from July 16 to July 30 to seek to apply their Christian faith to the complex political problems which face Japan today. Through visits to the Diet, conferences with high government officials, and special speakers, these students discussed: (a) Why should a Christian be concerned with politics? (b) How does democracy preserve values essential to the Christian? (c) What are the main issues confronting Japan and the world in this field? (d) What are the student's responsibilities in politics as a student? (e) Program suggestions for local church and Y groups.

Youth Caravan

Youth Caravan—Under the leadership and guidance of Frank Cary, missionary with The United Church of Canada, and Miss Mary K. Sluder, missionary to Japan with The United Christian Missionary Society, ten enthusiastic Christian students composed the youth Caravan which toured Nagano Prefecture July 19 to August 10, 1950.

Mr. Cary's report says:

"The caravan opened with a two-day preparatory meeting, at which time the members acquainted, coordinated the program, and mapped out future plans and procedures. At each location the caravan aimed to present a balanced program, the object of which was to strengthen the active life of the youth group.

"It was not intended to be a theological expedition or a course in biblical instruction or doctrine. Our program included periods on program methods, service projects, Bible study, recreation, audio-visual education, discussion methods, parliamentary procedure, and principles of worship. Besides, there were frequent discussions at which time the young people could ask questions and voice their own problems. In fact, we found that we had to increase the time for discussion for they seemed eager to have a chance to talk about their problems."

"Good News" in Christ

The Christian youth and student program of the Japanese church is yet small and limited. However, it is seeking daily to challenge all youth and students with the eternal relevancy of the "Good News" in Christ, to offer concrete methods of expressing this gospel, and most important of all, it is calling for a total commitment of the total person to Jesus Christ, our Lord.

WHEN Archbishop Stepinac was convicted in Yugoslav courts four years ago of high crimes against the Yugoslav people and sentenced to sixteen years in prison, a cry went up from Roman Catholics all over the world that an innocent man was being sacrificed to communist hatred of religion. This despite the fact that the crimes with which Stepinac was charged were catalogued and published to the world.

In 1947 a group of American religious editors investigating religion in Yugoslavia reported that Stepinac was well and had told them that he was well treated in prison. Their report was denounced as malicious falsehood by certain Roman Catholic clergy in this country. Now three years later comes Alex Singleton, AP correspondent, in a dispatch from Yugoslavia, saying that Stepinac appears well treated, receives good food and looks healthy. C. L. Sulzberger of the *New York Times* has made a similar report, as has a group of Quakers who visited Stepinac. Singleton also reports that the Archbishop has proposed a truce between the Yugoslav Catholic Church and the government whereby normal relations can be resumed. Will Singleton also be denounced as a falsifier?

THE Third District Court of Appeals of California has ruled null and void the action of the regents of the University of California requiring faculty members to take a specially prepared loyalty oath in addition to the regular constitutional oath of allegiance to the state and the nation. The court said:

"While this court is mindful of the fact that the action of the regents was at the outset motivated by a desire to protect the university from subversive elements . . . we are also keenly aware that equal to the danger of subversion from without by means of force and violence is the danger of subversion from within by the gradual whittling away . . . of the very pillars of our freedom."

HERE is something "on the silly side" from a writer to the *Cincinnati Enquirer* on April 11: "Quick color test: If an organization has 'peace' or 'democracy' planted in its high-sounding name, it's probably Red." Including, we suppose, the Church Peace Union, the various denominational peace fellowships, Americans for Democratic Action, and our own Freedom and Democracy Sunday program!

TRENDS: The *New York Times*, possibly with tongue-in-cheek, recently published in adjoining columns reports of the General Board of the National Council of Churches condemning gambling, and a statement from the American Catholic Philosophers Association asserting that "gambling is not of itself immoral," but may be carried on in ways and conditions that are immoral. Presumably it's O.K. to lose the weekly pay check if you do it at a church-sponsored bingo game! . . . The International Latex Corporation recently published in a two-column full-length advertisement in the *New York Herald Tribune* two editorials supporting the Wheat for India Bill, one from the *Christian Science Monitor* and the other from the *Washington Post*.

Funds from the Department of Interchurch Aid and Service to Refugees built this Orthodox church in Kellerburg, Austria. The Department gives spiritual ministry to 200,000 refugees.

Youth at the "Agape" youth center in Italy haul slate from a quarry in the valley by means of some cable lift, which is powered by water and gravity.

Interchurch Aid

DISCIPLES of Christ cooperate through the Department of Interchurch Aid and Service to Refugees of the World Council of Churches in helping Christians in Europe in their time of adversity. Dr. Robert C. Mackie is director of the Department, and Robert Tobias, representative of The United Christian Missionary Society, is associate director.

Through this department war-destroyed churches are restored. Hungry Christians are fed. But perhaps most important of all, leaders are trained. Evangelists and lay preachers, deaconesses and parish workers, and youth preparing for church vocations share in the care provided by the *church universal.*

East Zone children enter a "gospel-wagon" to attend classes in Christianity. This mobile unit was provided by Dutch churches. At the right is a planning committee at the School of Home Missions in Greece. The school will eventually have facilities to train 50 evangelists and lay preachers. It conducts two radio programs weekly and has published books of radio sermons. Disciple giving through Interchurch Aid helped homeless clergy and reopened five village churches in Greece.

Members of the Australian arrangements committee for the World Convention of Disciples of Christ are, front row left to right, Mrs. John Turner, F. N. Lee, Reg. Enniss (World President), Mrs. S. McCann, E. L. Williams, back row left to right, R. S. Ryall, A. B. Withers, A. Ross Lloyd, Keith A. Jones, Howard Earle, Horace Kingsbury, W. F. Nankivell and A. W. Cleland. W. A. Kemp is not in the picture.

World Convention Will Meet in Australia

THE Fourth World Convention of Disciples of Christ will meet in Melbourne, Australia, August 5-10, 1952. The invitation to meet in Melbourne came from Australia's 355 congregations with a total membership of 30,011.

The Convention president is Reg. Enniss, honored and trusted layman of Melbourne. In a recent word of greeting to the world brotherhood of Disciples, he said the Fourth World Convention "will be the first such convention held in the southern hemisphere. It has caught the imagination of Australians so much that nothing will be left undone to make it a notable convention. . . .

"Australians are a friendly people. This is particularly true of the people of our churches. We have a deep regard for our American and Canadian brethren, being mindful of the fine leadership given in earlier days by men from the U.S.A. We remember also your kindly treatment of Australian visitors to your country.

"This World Convention is our chance to get even. The warmest possible welcome awaits Canadians and Americans in 1952. Every person from your country, who so desires it, will be entertained during the Convention in our homes, without cost to them. . . . The exchange rate is most favorable, every dollar being worth here about nine shillings, or rather more than twice its former value. Then come, my brethren, come! Warm hearts await you. Come, make lifetime friends across the seas, as those of us have done through visits to your country."

Dr. Jesse M. Bader, general secretary of the World Convention, says, "For some time now, many have been making plans to go to Australia in 1952. One of the first questions asked is, How do we get there? What are the transportation plans? The answer is that the World Convention officers have made arrangements with Pan American Airways for chartered planes. Each plane holds 44 passengers. These planes will leave San Francisco July 31 and return sixteen days later. The cost of a round trip ticket is $850.00, which is $265.00 less than the regular fare."

The planes will stop over two days in Sydney, Australia, on the trip to Melbourne. On the return trip there will be 24-hour stops in Auckland, New Zealand, and Honolulu.

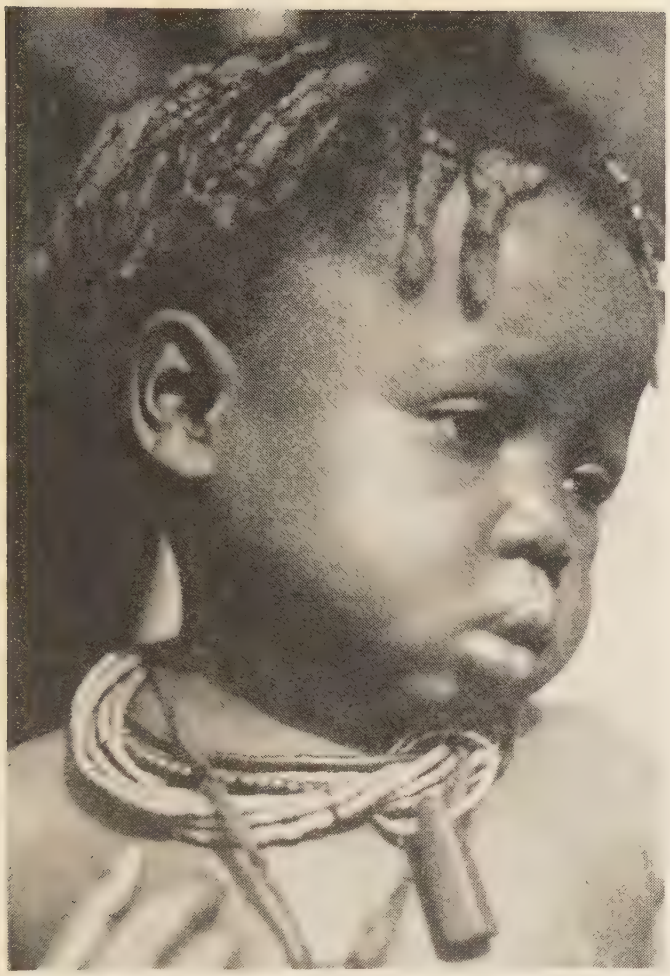
Arrangements have been made with the Cunard White Star Steamship Company for sailings east from New York. It requires ten weeks to make the round trip via Great Britain, the Mediterranean Sea and the Suez Canal, and attend the Convention. The cost is $1,054.20.

Write for Information

Full particulars about transportation to the Melbourne Convention can be had by writing to H. B. Holloway, Business Manager and Transportation Secretary, K of P Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Australian Disciples have an arrangements committee already at work. Convention sessions will be in Melbourne Town Hall. The Victoria Palace Hotel will be convention headquarters. There will be a President's Reception the first afternoon, and on Saturday a 100-mile sight-seeing trip in busses.

"It has been my great privilege to visit Australia three times," says Dr. Bader. "I know the ministers and churches quite well. Therefore, I understand something of the warm welcome that awaits all who go to the Melbourne World Convention. And also I know the encouragement and strength a big delegation from other countries will mean to the Australian churches."



Africa's Children

Africa Is Discarding an Old Way of Life and Her Future Can Still Be Determined

By VIRGIL A. SLY*

IT was one of those Congo nights when the blackness seemed so thick that it appeared as though the world had been wrapped within the soft folds of a black velvet robe. We were on one of the upper stretches of the Momboyo River, a tributary of the Congo. The steamer "Oregon" had been tied for the night, and weary of a long day on the river, I was stretching my legs on the shore before going to bed.

Suddenly out of the darkness I heard an apologetic cough, which is the polite way the Africans have of attracting one's attention. Turning, I peered into the night and dimly saw a young woman holding something in her arms. I called to a missionary near-by and he spoke to her. The limp burden she carried was her dying baby. She plead with the missionary and me to save her child. As we stood helpless, since neither of us was a doctor, the tears streamed down her face and she turned away from what she thought was our heartlessness, not understanding that it was our helplessness.

On a sultry afternoon in a Congo Mission station if you had been with me, you would have seen a stream of women and babies headed for the hospital, for it was the time of the baby clinic. There the babies were weighed and examined with all the care and concern that babies are checked in any doctor's office here at home. Mothers were complimented upon the cleanliness of their children, upon the care with which they had administered the doctor's instructions. Scratches were doctored. Ulcers were treated. Soothing ointment was placed upon small itching bodies. Temperatures were checked. Throats were inquisitively peered into. Instructions were given and when it was over a small cake of soap was passed out as a reward.

I have often thought of these two pictures—the one of utter helplessness in which the baby died—the other in which the baby had a chance for a new life, or to put it simpler, had a chance for life. The waste of life impresses one greatly in the Congo. The monotonous story of disease, or ulcerating sores around which flies gather in black masses, of pinched emaciated faces is not only the story of suffering but often the story of death.

Contrast these conditions with the pride of the Christian parents who showed off their youngster to us one day at the hospital that we might admire his glowing skin and his ready smile with prominent front teeth gleaming in contrast to his dark face. The parents were eager to tell how they had been trained to take care of their babies, that they had never lost one, that they boiled the water which they drank, that they fed them food which they could digest and that they had never been sick. It was then we realized that care and concern for the child is native to every normal par-

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ent's heart, but that pagan ignorance and fear prevent great masses of people ever knowing the why of life or death.

Primitive paganism teaches that when a child gets sick someone has bewitched it. No one ever dies of natural causes—someone has cursed his life. So it goes—the eternal struggle between ignorance, fear and superstition as over against enlightened concern and intelligence, motivated by love and dedicated to the redemption of the soul and the body of Africa's children.

What of Tomorrow?

Of course, the question may be asked immediately, For what do we save these bodies and souls in Africa? What hope do they have for tomorrow? Where are they going? These are legitimate questions.

In the first instance, we are concerned because they are people, because they are children, because they are alive. That is sufficient reason for anyone who is motivated by the principles of Christian concern.

In the second instance, the hope they have for tomorrow is largely dependent upon forces outside themselves. Africa, isolated as it has been for centuries, struggling against the dehabilitating climate and against the exploitation and greed of other peoples, had no future except the monotonous round of existence. This, however, has changed. There is hope. There is a tomorrow. And the children of Africa who have been born in this last quarter of a century have opportunities to mold and make their tomorrow conform to something of their dreams.

This gives direction for their tomorrow and, to a great mass of Africans, there is a path which they may follow—a direction toward which they are pointing. On the whole, this has been made possible by Christianity. The gospel came to Africa at the time of its greatest need. There was and is suffering under the impact of a civilization for which they were totally unprepared. Out of the background of their primitive, animistic beliefs which are dominated by fear, based upon superstition, witchcraft and sorcery, there came the inevitable inhibitions, repressions and stagnation.

The Leaven of the Gospel

This is the condition into which the gospel of Christ came bringing literacy to a totally illiterate people, liberating not only their minds but their souls. In no period of the Christion era has the word of God spread more rapidly and in no period has the social structure been affected more dramatically than in Africa. Not that Africa has become Christian, but the leaven of the gospel of Christ has permeated the total structure of her people.

Along with the gospel came the Christian emphasis upon education, and the missionary program still carries eight-four per cent of the total educational program of Africa today. In addition, the gospel brought modern medicine with its healing knowledge backed by the concern of Christian doctors and nurses. Not only did the gospel become their minister, teacher, physician, but it also became the champion of their rights as individuals, seeing that justice and fair treatment was theirs by due process of law.

Back of the present development of the African people, the gospel of Jesus Christ looms large and significant. It came to befriend, aid, heal, educate, encourage, stimulate and push all the Africans to develop the highest spiritual, mental and physical potentials lying within them as children of God.

Africa is a continent of light and shadow. Great land areas of Africa remain untouched by any progress, and lying near-by are equally great areas in which tremendous progress has been made in education, in medicine, in social change and in industrialization. Along the rivers mingling with the smoky tang of primitive village campfires, there looms the sometimes ominous shadow of great industrialization.

Africa's Contrasts

Africa, therefore, is not only primitive and civilized, educated and ignorant, sick and well, spiritually sure and abased by superstitious fears. She is also moving steadily toward some expression of self and some direction as to the development of her peoples whereby Africa may sit in the councils of the races of men and make her contribution and receive justice. Gone is the day of mass domination and exploitation rather than concern, of stagnation rather than growth.

The picture of Africa through the centuries has not been one of which we of the West can be very proud. Her bitterness due to exploitation, her sense of frustration because she saw no light in her enslavement and the brutalization of her people have made her question the value of the civilization that is being thrust upon her. Her children travel the road to the future. Which road is it? Will it be the road where the rights of men are given a just hearing, where the sacredness of personality looms above all the selfishness of profit and gain and resources? That is the question that our day must answer.

Our Concern

The final answer is in our concern for life and our commitment to it—that it may be a life that is permitted to develop to its fullest potentialities.

I remember an afternoon in a hospital in Africa when a woman was dying in childbirth. I remember the doctor as he took the child and worked with it, trying to force a spark of life into the bit of clay he held in his hand. He bent it, he put cold water on it. He spanked it and finally pressed his own lips to its lips and breathed his own breath into its lungs. There arose in that hospital room a thin wail of new life as the tiny lungs fought for life-giving air.

Here was a drama of life and death. The dead body of the mother and the wailing life-cry of the child. To me it was symbolic of Africa. Out of the death of the past came new life. The life wailing its thin cry as it came into a harsh world was a precious life, a life that is as valuable in Monieka, Africa, as it is in Chicago, Indianapolis, New York, London, Paris—any place in the world. It was a life.

When people surround life with the concern that I saw in that hospital in Monieka, they will cease their warring strife because all life will be surrounded with a tenderness of the concern of men for the children of God throughout the world.

Program Ready for Launching

MORE than one hundred state and national executives and directors, college presidents, pastors, laymen and laywomen of the Disciples of Christ spent several busy days in Indianapolis the week following April 1. First as the Board of Review of Unified Promotion and then as the Council of Agencies, the leaders faced world needs in the light of Christian faith.

Highlighting the week's deliberations were Long Range plans for brotherhood causes during the decade of the fifties. These plans met with the wholehearted endorsement of the Council of Agencies which represents about eighty agencies and institutions.

Brotherhood Tempo Is Changed

As an enlarging movement for Disciples, the Long Range Program succeeds "A Crusade for a Christian World," the program of relief, rehabilitation and advance that ended last February 25. Dr. Paul G. Preston, retiring chairman of the Crusade's board of directors, pointed out that the Crusade years were "a time of planting as well as a season of harvest. It was the first time in three decades that the tempo of the usual was changed" for the brotherhood.

Up to April 30, 1951, cash receipts of the Crusade totaled $8,126,017.45. Approximately one thousand churches have financial goals of two million dollars which they expect to reach. Victorious churches completing or surpassing their goals were reported to total 1,276, with the number increasing every week.

The Crusade's pace-setting achievements in many areas of cooperative advance will form the basis for immediate emphases of the decade of the fifties, first phase of the Long Range Program. This new program will stress evangelism, education, missions and stewardship, among other areas of work. Efforts will be made to conserve stewardship gains of the Crusade years and to double the regular missionary, benevolent and educational giving by 1960. Inflation and rising costs precluded adoption of fixed financial goals. Local churches will be asked to set major objectives in both service and financial outreach.

Area Assemblies in the Fall

This comprehensive Long Range Program will be launched in seventeen area assemblies of the International Convention, beginning September 26-28 in Little Rock, Ark., and concluding November 4-6 in Springfield, Ill. The theme of the assemblies, "The Assurance of Things Hoped For," will be used by Unified Promotion for the year starting July 1.

The first step in the decade's "Doubled Giving" for brotherhood causes is the increase of regular receipts to Unified Promotion and the cooperating agencies. By June 30, end of the present fiscal year, the minimum increase should total 33 1/3 per cent over last year's (1949-50) total contributions for every local church and its organizations.

Then, the second step in this "Doubled Giving" is an increase of 50 per cent over the level of 1949-50 for the year starting July 1, 1951. It is anticipated that receipts of Unified Promotion during the forthcoming missionary year will reach $3,500,000. Percentage receipts for 1949-50 totaled $2,147,967.54, not including Crusade monies. The gratifying gain for the eight months ending February 28, 1951 was reported at $99,762.93 or 9.66 per cent. An increase of 33 1/3 per cent by June 30 means a total gain of $700,000 for the fiscal year.

Obviously, as was emphasized in the Board of Review meetings, "the work calls for more dollars to maintain the present level of service, to provide for normal growth and to accept the opportunities of large projects of advance." Pointing up the need for more dollars is the fact that on some mission fields the cost of living has catapulted 500 per cent!

More Than Ever I Believe in Missions

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Christ and the winning of the world to him, I believe in the world mission of the church more than ever.

2. *I believe more than ever in the world mission of the church because we are faced today by ideologies which will destroy the Christian movement if they are universally accepted.* There are countless suggestions as to how man in his own strength can control life. It has been pointed out many times that all of this is not surprising, for man refuses to live in a vacuum. When the church withholds the Christian message, men create ideologies of their own and seek to live by them. Communism is one of these, and its devotees believe that they can live happily and abundantly on a material basis, as do devotees of some other ideologies.

The church needs to stand in the midst of history today and remind humanity of the truth of the age-old pronouncement of Jesus, "You cannot live by bread alone." The church needs to ask his age-old question, what would it profit a man, or a nation, or a civilization, if they gained the whole material world and forfeited the spiritual values?

While it is true that the spread of ideologies can be retarded by military means, the only process of which we have any knowledge by which these tragic ideologies can be removed from the minds and hearts of men is through Christ and his transforming power. But since this is the central task of the church, I believe in the world mission of the church more than ever.

3. *I believe more than ever in the world mission of the church because we are faced with a world-embracing hunger for spiritual fulfillment.* Millions of spiritually hungry people look up and are not fed. Instead of bread, they are offered stones. The church needs to reassert the primacy of Christ who stood in the midst of life and said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No man cometh unto the father but by me."

Commerce, politics and the military have known no racial or national lines, and there have been vast cultural exchanges. Is the only element of life that is

to be withheld from the world the message of Christ?

We are being told many times that if the Christian movement were to teach Christ to the non-Christian nations with any adequacy they would accept him and build Christianity into the new structure which they are creating. John R. Mott after he had crossed the ocean 102 times in the interest of world missions said that he had never known a time in all his experience when there were so many open doors as there are today.

What shall we say of Japan, with its new democracy; of India, with its new independence; of China, struggling with communism; of Africa, destined to become one of the great industrial areas of the world? So we could go on with our questions circling the globe.

Perhaps if we break this down into specific opportunities we can see it even more clearly. We recall visiting with the mayor of a village in the Philippines who had become a Christian. He besought us most earnestly to send him a Christian teacher so that he could take the whole village for Christ. Hundreds of villages could be won to Christ in the Philippines today if we went about the Master's business in sacrificial earnestness. In certain areas for which the Congo Christian Mission is responsible it is necessary to turn away numbers of those who are seeking Christ, even though the staff has worked beyond the breaking point and several have returned home ill.

Christianity Has Power

Similar conditions prevail the world around. We dare not be timorous in the face of the greatest opportunities the church has ever known, else the program of Christ will be retarded for centuries. *We have the message and we have the power.*

While at Hiroshima we were shown a granite tombstone, the top of which had been grooved by the power of atomic radiation. What a power demonstration this is! But I recalled Jesus standing by a flower garden with his disciples and calling their attention to the magnificent and chaste beauty of the lily.

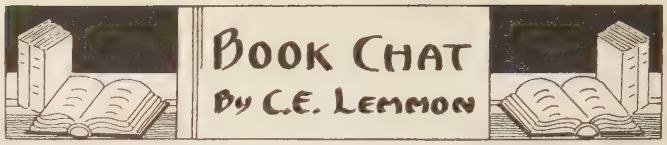
But, said Jesus, "God did not do his best work on the lily, but on man. You are worth many lilies." So I think if he had been standing by that grooved slab of granite he would have said, "Yes, that shows tremendous power, but God did not commit his greatest power to the atom. He committed his greatest power to the spirit of man."

The Gospel Is Entrusted to Man

To man he entrusted the gospel, which is the power of God for creating world brotherhood, for replacing devastating ideologies with happy and abundant living, for lifting man from death to life, so that with Paul he can speak of the "unsearchable riches of Christ" and declare, "It is no longer I that live but Christ liveth in me." "I can do all things through him."

We of the church need to remember that the church is not engaged in a dress rehearsal but in a life and death struggle for the soul of the race and that as that battle goes, so goes civilization.

Yes, it is my deep and profound conviction that the world mission of the church is needed more today than at any other time in Christian history.



THERE is need, right now, for the American people to broaden their understanding of the international situation. We are moved too much by conflicts over personalities and politics. If the people of the nation are to be intelligent in helping shape policy they need more knowledge. Barbara Ward, until lately assistant editor of the *London Economist,* discusses the world situation in her new book *Policy for the West.* She feels that the Western powers have succeeded in checkmating the aggression of communism in the West by the Atlantic Pact and especially by the Marshall Plan. As she sees it, in spite of the cross currents of international politics, the Western powers have dealt brilliantly with the situation in the Atlantic community.

The problems of Asia are more baffling. The Asian nations are more difficult to deal with because their governments lack administrative grip. Miss Ward thinks that the Western powers have a good chance of preventing a third world war, and bases her conclusions on our growing social and military strength, the increasing economic power of the Western world, and the fact that Russia has never started a major conflict. She closes her book with a brilliant chapter on "Faith for Freedom," an exhortation to confidence in the future.

THE total enterprise of Protestant Christianity is currently reviewed in *World Faith in Action,* edited by Charles T. Leber. There are twelve contributors, each a specialist in some particular field or some definite phase of the world program of the church. Roswell P. Barnes has an especially good chapter on the National Council of the Churches of Christ. "The Agony of China" by Theodore F. Romig is an especially poignant chapter. Emory Ross writes on "Africa in Revolution." Public speakers and teachers will find this book informative and helpful.

FOR many years psychologists have been interested in a study of extrasensory perception, such as telepathy, clairvoyance and mediums. This field of investigation had the support of such responsible scientists as William James and Sir Oliver Lodge. The average American has put it down as fakery, and indeed says Alson J. Smith in his book *Religion and the New Psychology* "ninety-five per cent of this is undoubted fakery. But five per cent that is not fakery may turn out to be the most substantial evidence we have of the functioning of the 'spiritual component.'" It will be a surprise to many that Duke University has a department of what is called *parapsychology,* endeavoring to qualify the study of extrasensory perception as a legitimate science, and that it is seriously considered by psychologists at Harvard and other great universities. There are many who feel that these investigations into the field of psychical research are likely to produce results of much positive value to the study of religion. Smith's book is an excellent introduction to parapsychology. We are sure to hear more about it in the next few years.

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Mrs. Socorro Carrera de Castillo, center, takes time in her busy day to read the *Bible* to her seventy-four-year-old mother and her son Jorge. Mrs. Castillo and her family live in an apartment of the Morelos Social Center in Aguascalientes, Mexico, where Mrs. Castillo works afternoons and evenings. From five to nine in the evening she is in charge of the library, which is the only public library in the state of Aguascalientes.

Christian Womanhood, Mexican Style

Mrs. Castillo Gives Leadership to Mexican Protestantism

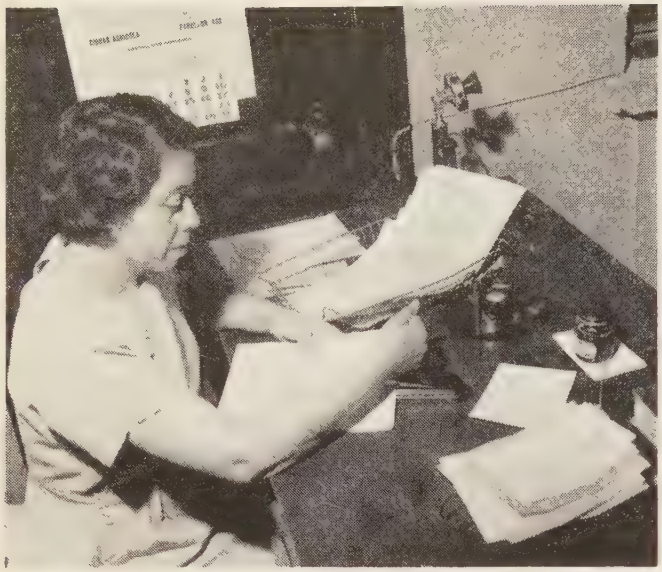
Photos by VICTOR DE PALMA from Black Star

IT takes courage to be a Protestant in Mexico. But Mrs. Socorro Carrera de Castillo and her mother have had that kind of courage since Socorro was fourteen years old. Through the years as wife and mother Mrs. Castillo has lived her free Christianity and taught Christ wherever she went.

When Socorro was sixteen she married Santos Castillo, an active member of the Disciples church in San Luis Potosi. When the Morelos Social Center was opened in 1934, Mr. Castillo became director of the boys' department. After his death four years later Mrs. Castillo began teaching to support and educate her five children. She has come back to the Aguascalientes community to work with other Mexican Protestants and missionaries of The United Christian Missionary Society.

One of these missionaries is Miss Ruth Leslie, who has served in every Mexican mission station of the United Society. It was Miss Leslie who helped the distinguished photographer, Victor de Palma, and WORLD CALL prepare the story of Mrs. Castillo's work and leadership.

Mrs. Castillo's first contribution in Christian education was as a mother. Her oldest daughter, Sara, is a graduate nurse. She has worked in Hope Hospital, a United Society institution in Aguascalientes, and is now in Mexico City specializing in child care. Rebecca, the second daughter, is a young matron in Monterrey.



Above Mrs. Castillo works on the files in the office of Hope Hospital in Aguascalientes. She is assistant to Miss Pearl Gibbons, hospital administrator. On her way to work in the morning Mrs. Castillo does the food marketing for the day. At the right Mrs. Castillo registers a patient in the Maternity Center. All mothers, like this one, are encouraged to make regular prenatal visits to Hope Hospital and get registration cards for entrance when delivery is due. Mrs. Castillo's friendly personality aids her in handling patients, collecting bills, and administering the hospital kitchen.

She and her husband are leaders in their church. Moises, the older son, is studying aviation in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Elvia Ruth, the youngest daughter, is a student nurse in Chihuahua and has had a year at Midway Junior College, Midway, Kentucky. The younger son, Jorge, like his father before him, is interested in the trades, and hopes to make mechanical engineering his work.

To educate this fine family Mrs. Castillo went to work as teacher in the public schools of Aguascalientes the week after her husband died. For seven years she taught in Delicias near the federal irrigation project.

Mrs. Castillo and Nurse Jocabeth Reyes discuss some sewing problems of Hope Hospital. At right Mrs. Castillo visits a patient. Mrs. Castillo spends most of her Sunday afternoons visiting patients as part of her work for the Aguascalientes church.

At five in the evening Mrs. Castillo opens the public library of Morelos Social Center. Eager readers are always waiting.

Walt Disney comics on animals are the best comics written in Spanish. Children in Mexico demand comics as they do here.

But as she tells Miss Leslie of her decision to come back to the Social Center, it was her desire to be with members of "my church," which led her to accept two-thirds her former salary to work in Aguascalientes.

The Social Center must teach Christianity through Christian living for open proselyting is forbidden by government regulation. But the motto of the Center, "Not to be ministered unto but to minister," is painted on the gymnasium wall and is lived in every activity. The library, which is open under Mrs. Castillo's supervision four hours a day, has many copies of the Bible—open for all who want to read.

As administrative assistant of Hope Hospital Mrs. Castillo cares for the sick and builds better health. Mexico, in need of free Christian leadership, has in Socorro Castillo a capable and devoted Christian woman.

Alfredo, a Swiss Protestant, gets help from Mrs. Castillo in finding what he wants from a *Book of Knowledge* in Spanish.

Readers must check out books to use while in the library. No books are taken for home use because demand exceeds supply.

WORLD CALL

Crusade Progress

A Brotherhood on the March

Young People Give Their Lives

PREPARATION of young people for missionary service is one of the most important pieces of work being done by The United Christian Missionary Society. Thanks to funds of $50,000 released through the Crusade, more adequate and thorough training of missionary candidates is now possible than ever before in the history of brotherhood missions.

The present method of recruitment and careful screening of volunteers for the mission field includes health check-ups, vocational aptitude tests, and scholarship aid granted to young men and women who are accepted as candidates for foreign service. There are forty different vocations in which missionaries may now serve. Candidates are guided into preparation for the vocations for which they are best fitted.

More than ninety young people are now being readied for mission work under the United Society's scholarship aid plan. With more workers on all fields, better equipped to serve, and engaged in vocations suited to their abilities, the brotherhood missionary enterprise of the future can be expected to grow in effectiveness and influence for wider extension of the Kingdom.

Crusade Funds at Work

Crusade funds have been put to work on important major repairs on mission properties of several home institutions. The porch at Mexican Christian Institute was converted into fireproof, comfortable quarters for the kindergarten children after the old kindergarten room had been condemned as unsafe. The playground, used by hundreds of boys and girls daily at MCI, was paved. Crusade money made this possible.

Indian Mission Aided

A carryall and trailer, provided through the Crusade for Yakima Indian Mission, is used constantly to take extension programs out to the people's homes in winter and to the fishing grounds during the summer season.

Electricity for Hazel Green

Electrical wiring has been done at Hazel Green Academy.

A number of other needed repair jobs and pieces of useful equipment have been made available for the home mission work of the brotherhood through the Crusade.

Work Waiting Crusade Funds

These agencies of the church, all rendering important services to racial and cultural minority groups in their communities, can do more effective work if some of their own special needs can be met.

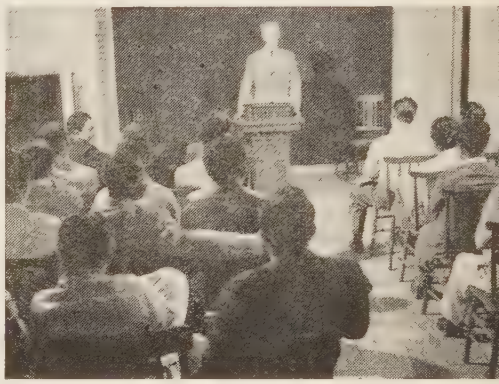
Housing for staff members is needed at all of the home missions institutions.

Jarvis Christian College and Southern Christian Institute both should have new chapels.

Mexican Christian Institute needs a gymnasium to house its full recreation program.

These buildings are waiting for completion of the Crusade.

Training Ministers In Puerto Rico



—Black Star Photo

Hugh J. Williams, Disciples missionary, speaking in the Union Seminary Chapel at Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, March, 1951.

Upon the young men in Union Seminary rests the future of the church on the island of Puerto Rico. Some of these students are going to school now on Crusade scholarships. Hugh J. Williams is sent by The United Christian Missionary Society as the Disciple member of the seminary faculty. Partial support to this valuable piece of union work has also been given through the Crusade. The seminary is located at Rio Piedras, adjacent to the campus of the University of Puerto Rico.

Missionary candidates at a session of the board of trustees of The United Christian Missionary Society.

Students Evangelize Students

By ROY V. CARTEE*

THE Freshman Committee chairman of the Disciple Student Foundation at Manhattan, Kansas, went to the office of the director of admission in the spring of 1948 and discovered that Bob was coming to Kansas State College. To this chairman Bob was not just another individual coming to college. Every prospective student was a challenge. She knew if she did not interest Bob in the DSF program when he was a freshman that he would not likely be interested when a senior.

Immediately the chairman wrote Bob a personal letter. She said she was glad he was coming to Kansas State, and for him to let her know if at any time she could help him with problems dealing with enrollment, curriculum, or any other school-related matter. A week later I, as student director, wrote Bob a letter, sending a carbon copy to his minister. I too offered all of the services of the Foundation.

When the professor in charge of Freshman Orientation Program announced that a few hours would be devoted to "church orientation," Bob wasn't surprised to be introduced to Mary, the chairman of the Freshman Committee. Several members of the committee went to the campus to meet Bob and the other freshmen and transfer students.

After the introductions, they brought the new students to the Foundation House, across from the campus. There more upper classmen were waiting to meet the prospective new members. The executive committee gave short talks regarding the program of DSF. "Cokes" were served, ping-pong was played, and finally that evening the entire group went on a picnic. At Manhattan it is the students who "sell" the program to the students!

Bob met more DSF members on Sunday when all students were introduced in Sunday school. An older member was assigned to introduce Bob. By now he was beginning to feel he was really a member.

It was no surprise to find Bob at the DSF All-College Mixer. Here he met more students and many members of the local church. The women of the church prepare the refreshments. The local minister and his wife are introduced and many of the alumni are present. The entire mixer is conducted by the students.

Bob had been in school just a week when he found that a university is much different than he had expected. He was not sure he was going to like school. He was walking across the campus one afternoon when he met a member of the Freshman Committee. After a short conversation the committee member decided Bob needed to talk with me, so he brought him to the student office.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that I should go to Bob's personal file in the counseling bureau to learn if Bob was in the right curriculum, and to determine his percentile rating in his class. I found all Bob needed was a little attention and encouragement!

THE second week of school the DSF Cabinet met and agreed that every person attending the morning and evening sessions would indicate on which committee he desired to serve.

It was decided that during the first semester, Foundation members would take city-wide training under the leadership of Will Sessions, minister of Independence Blvd. Christian Church, Independence, Missouri. Our Foundation was the only student organization represented at this city-wide visitation and evangelization training. Over sixty students, including our Freshman Bob, took this training.

But the Cabinet members said, "We need to know more about what is going on in the community in which we are attending college!" They therefore decided the group would participate in the American Red Cross blood-donors program. They would study the candidates in the city elections. They would hold membership in the Manhattan Film Council and the Council of Social Agencies, giving programs at the Riley Station Hospital. They would determine who should receive baskets of food at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

BETWEEN the third and fourth week of school, the Membership Committee decided that all new students—and old ones too—should consider becoming members of the local church—by student membership, transfer, or by confession of faith. Letters were sent over the signatures of the Membership Chairman, the Freshman Chairman and the Student Director. That Sunday every one was given a small card and was urged to sign it and bring it forward with him when the invitation to join the church was extended. Many students join the first week; usually by the fourth week the student memberships have been completed.

Then, two very strong organizations within the Foundation start their yearly membership drives. Kappa Beta, a national chartered girl's organization, writes personal invitations to all the girls who attend tax-supported institutions. These invitations are then delivered in person! Every year, each girl is given an opportunity to become a member of this organization to study the fundamentals of churchmanship in the field of women's work.

The men have a very active Junior Deacon program. No freshman may come into the organization the first semester, but he may come in the second semester as an associate member. Every JD must sign a card every year certifying that he will do three things: (1) I will take a minimum of six hours of training in churchmanship during the coming year. (2) I will place my membership in the local church, either student, transfer, or by confession of faith. (3) I agree to serve when called.

Two DSF students donate blood to the local hospital's blood bank.

Bob, the freshman of 1948, is now chairman of the Board of Junior Deacons.

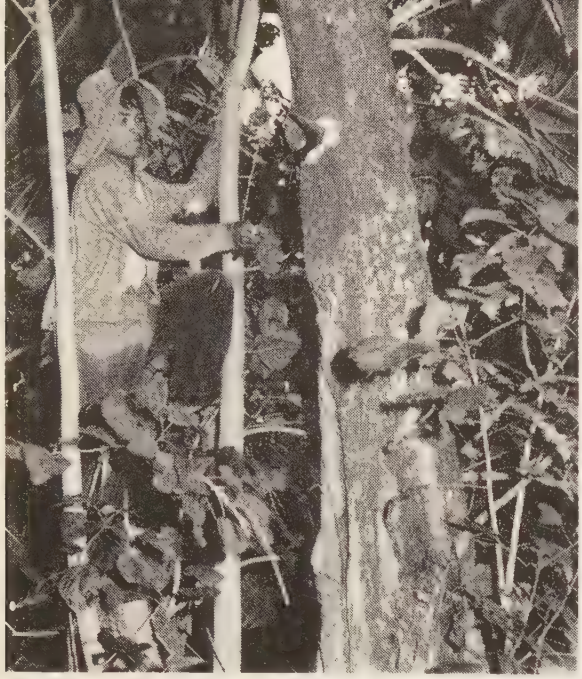
There is always a feeling among the students to be evangelistic-minded through their vespers, their forums, their friendlies, and their over-all program. Every vesper is especially prepared for that particular presentation. No "canned" material is permitted. Through this constant alertness of evangelistic-minded students, the enlistment of the students becomes a lesser problem each year.

Evangelization of students by students becomes a carry-over into another very important phase of our work—that with married students. Bob has completed three years of work now and last summer decided that he had found "the right girl." So, he is now a leader in the married people's class.

Our theory is that a student director is of vital importance as a coordinator, but that the stimulus and the carrying out of the response comes from the student. It makes it easier for a student to carry from one phase of the student work program to another the matter of evangelization and enlistment when he has been "well grounded in it" by actually doing the job himself.

When Bob graduates he will take back to his church a well-planned philosophy of church evangelization and how to participate in a well-rounded program in a church.

*Mr. Cartee is director of the Christian Student Foundation at Manhattan, Kansas.



A knife with an arc-shaped blade is a useful implement among the mountain people of the Philippines. One use is to cut down trees for the timber used in construction of schools and churches.

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"Can You Help Us Build Our Church, Sir?"

By ENA AND JOHN CHATFIELD*

"WE have a good church at Infanta, Quezon, but it is over the mountains and hard to reach," said Pastor Banda. "Our chapel was destroyed during the war. The GI's helped us build a chapel from rubble, but it is about to fall now. We want you to help us build a new one. Our people can raise part of the money if they are given some help, but they have been discouraged."

We promised to go to Infanta, over on the Pacific side of Luzon, across a high mountain range from Manila. We boarded the bus about seven o'clock in the morning and arrived at two in the afternoon.

The elder of the Infanta church spoke a little English. He took us and the treasurer of the church, a business lady who spoke very good English, to see their rubble church, the only one we saw in the Philippines. The wooden structure, with concrete floor and adobe stone foundation up to the windows, had suffered a direct hit and was practically destroyed during the war. When the GI's came into the town, some of them, together with the members of the church, gathered together timbers, galvanized iron roofing, pieces of concrete, adobe stones — everything that could be used—and rebuilt the chapel. The people put on a thatched roof of lipa palm. The building had been used for almost three years. Now it was in bad shape and the roof was about to fall in.

This church was put in the budget of the Crusade Building Program and was entitled to receive help. The members said no one there could supervise building and they wanted us to come and stay while it was being constructed.

"You and Mrs. Chatfield can live with us if you will come," they said. "You will live in the house of one of our members and we will see that you have the best of food to eat."

We did stay for more than two months in Infanta. With the help of local carpenters the chapel went up, though it was delayed some by occasional heavy rains. Luckily there was a sawmill about ten miles away and we did not have to cut timbers by hand. Hardware, cement, adobe, stone, roofing and nails had to come from Manila; sometimes a greatly needed item would be delayed for over a week.

Finally, when the building was nearing completion and a service was held in the new building, though it was not dedicated until later, a farewell party was held at the home of one of the members and we drove back over the mountains to Manila.

The members of Infanta paid for all the labor on the church. They also made new furniture. Though nothing was done on the building for the three years after the war, when they were given help and encouragement they immediately began raising money themselves.

Thus it is, when we give help to our neighbors in need, that help is multiplied by their efforts and God until it becomes much. The Infanta church was dedicated April 23, 1950. It is painted inside and out, has new furnishings, and is one of the most attractive churches of the Disciples in the Philippines.

CAN you come and help us build our high school, Sir?" wrote Pastor Sevilleja from Lamao in the Abra Mountain Province. "We have been gathering materials for a year, but we are not sure how to begin building."

People of Lamao and the surrounding area had determined to have a high school for their boys and girls so that they would not have to go to the lowlands for a high school education. It is more expensive in the lowlands where they board in a dormitory and need better clothes. Consequently, very few girls and boys from the Abra Mountains received a high school education.

For years all of the elementary school teachers had come from the lowlands; the mountan people prefer to have some of their own people educated to teach in their schools. Too, our church leaders realize that in order to have strong churches in the mountains we must have mountain people trained to become ministers and workers among their own people.

The Mennonite Relief Unit, which had worked for four years in our territory in Abra in relief and medical work, agreed in 1946 to furnish two teachers. The mission sent a deaconess to teach vocational subjects. The longed and prayed for Abra Mountain High School got under way, with classes meeting in several houses in Lamao.

But if the school was to be a permanent institution, licensed and authorized by the government, the people knew they must have a permanent building. The board of trustees of the school sent a petition for

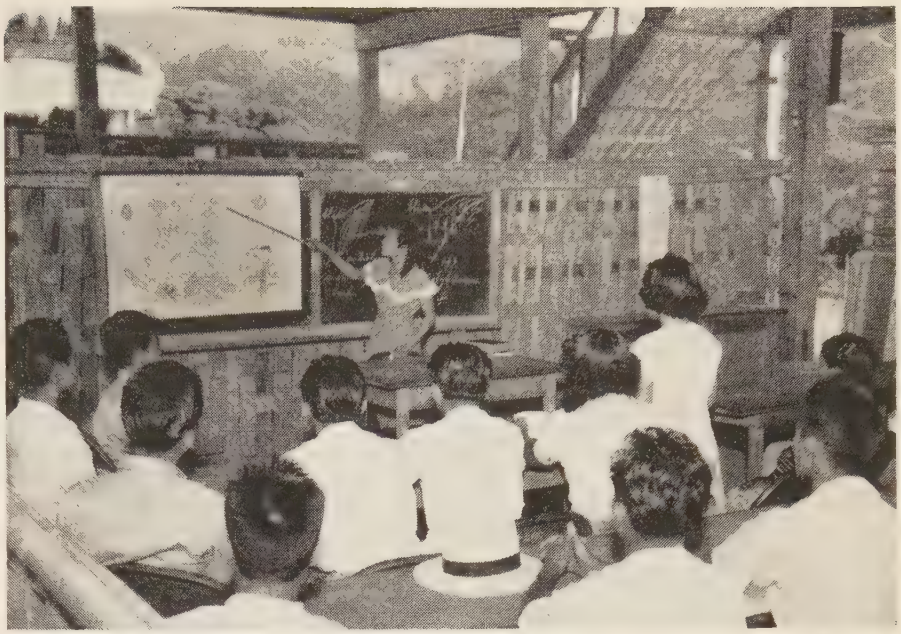
Christian Church, Infanta, Quezon Province, was built by Filipino carpenters with Mr. Chatfield in charge. Crusade funds helped make it possible.

*Mr. and Mrs. Chatfield went to the Philippines in 1947 as short-term missionaries under The United Christian Missionary Society. Their specific purpose was to help reconstruct chapels and mission buildings.

help. Five hundred dollars to buy galvanized iron roofing was put in the Crusade Building Budget for the Philippines.

The men in Lamao and surrounding villages began gathering timbers; but since they had no floor plans they did not know the sizes of the timbers needed. After they had gathered a large number of pieces, they asked Mr. Sevilleja, for 20 years pastor of the Lamao church, to write the missionary builder and ask him to come and help.

We took our first trip up to Lamao, a six-hour hike or horseback ride from where the road ends. Up and up the narrow trails we hiked and rode; then down through the rocky river bed and across the river again we went—seven times in all. It grew dark and the moon came out. Still we hiked, getting higher and higher in the mountains. The newly planted rice fields were beautiful in the moonlight. We arrived in Lamao about nine o'clock and were glad to rest in the house where the Mennonite teachers lived.



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Miss Modesta Marcos directs a Biology Class in the new high school building at Lamao. The school is there because of the determination and cooperation of the people.

Plans Get Under Way

Next day we met with the leaders and teachers and drew a rough sketch of the proposed building. Jack inspected the posts and timbers; the men of the barrio sat on their heels and eagerly awaited his comments. When he shook his head and told Victorina, the spokesman for the "old man," chief of the village, that the posts were not large nor long enough and Victorina told the men what he had said, there was a murmur of disappointment. But when he said that the timber could be used for other purposes in the bulding, they smiled again. They told Victorina to tell him they would begin securing larger posts and timbers. We promised to return in about two months.

A Manila church member who is an engineer volunteered to draw a working plan for the high school. In the meantime, roofing, hardware and cement were ordered and taken to the end of the road by truck. It had to be carried the rest of the way.

After two months we returned to Lamao. The men of Lamao and the surrounding communities were eager to help with the building. Some of the high school students had leveled off the ground on the side of a mountain. The men had secured additional lumber. The morning after we arrived they were again sitting around awaiting the comments of the missionary.

Jack inspected and measured the posts and found some of them the right size, but some were not large nor long enough. The men had no rulers nor tapes—they had used sticks to measure the posts. "We will secure," said Victorina, and he appointed a group to go to the forest the next day to cut timbers.

"We will need sand and gravel for the cement foundation," said Jack.

"It can be," replied Victorina.

That night after we were in bed we heard the regular beating of a drum. Looking out into the inky darkness we saw a light on the terrace below and knew the men of the village were meeting to plan the work. Lubuagan, the leader, and Victorina, his assistant, were assigning every able bodied man a task for a certain number of days each week. They also decided that each woman and child would bring up a certain amount of sand and gravel from the river.

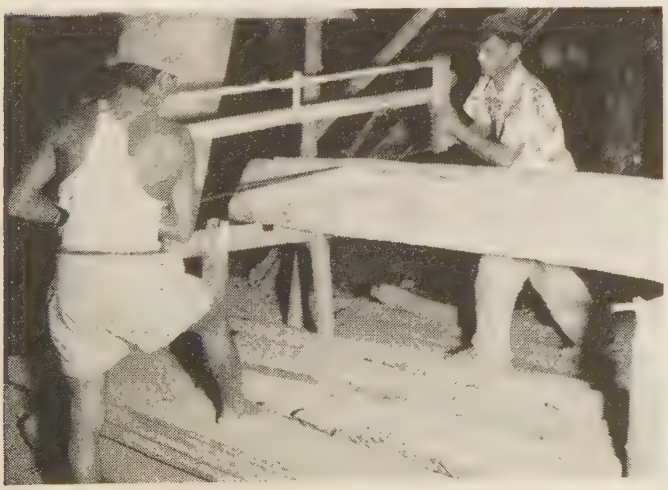
With the cooperation of everyone in the village and some help from surrounding areas the high school was built. Timbers were cut in the forest, dragged down mountain slopes, across rivers, up hill to the site of the building. Men shaped the posts with hand tools, sawed boards and beams with hand saws. Some of them hiked down to the end of the road and carried roofing, hardware and cement back up the narrow trails and across the river.

Some men mixed cement and poured foundations; posts were raised into place with the help of block and tackle and long bamboo poles. As the posts began to go up, some of the older men would come and sit on their heels and watch.

Men, women and children brought bananas, eggs, coconut, meat, fish and vegetables to the missionary, merely smiling if they spoke no English, and shaking their heads when offered money. "They are not selling; they are bringing these because they are grateful for your help," explained Victorina.

When the framework was finished we had to leave; but we promised that the lowland carpenter would return and help them put on the roof and complete the building. When we were packed and ready to leave, the "old man" came down the path to the edge of the village with us. He commanded Victorina to "tell them we are thankful for their help and would like for them to come again." In this dignified way he shook hands with us. We said goodbye to other men and women who had come to see us off. Some of the girls and boys went over the first crossing of the river with us, in accordance with their custom of hospitality.

Looking back we could see on the highest terrace above the coconut palm shaded village the frame of the high school and the little chapel, symbols of the faith and hope of the Tinguian people for a better way of life.



Most of the lumber used for churches and schools in the mountain villages must be sawed by hand, using the oriental saw. Here two workers are sawing a narra log, a very hard wood which is good for furniture.
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The College of the Bible
Lexington, Kentucky

PRESENTATION of a Scroll of the Torah to the College of the Bible last month marked an historic event in interfaith relations. The Scroll was a gift from Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, Ohio. Rabbi Sidney Ballon, who represented Hebrew Union College in the presentation ceremonies, pointed out, "This is the first time in history that a Hebrew theological school has been willing to part with one of its most sacred objects and to give it to a Christian school."

He indicated that the giving and receiving of the Scroll was symbols of the good relations between the Jewish and Christian seminaries, and especially a tribute to the high regard which Hebrew Union College has for the work of Dr. Charles Lynn Pyatt, dean and professor of Old Testament at the College of the Bible.

President Riley B. Montgomery received the Scroll for the college. It will be on permanent exhibit in the Bosworth Memorial Library.

Kansas Bible Chair
Lawrence, Kansas

The fiftieth anniversary of the Kansas Bible Chair was celebrated on April 1. Continually since that date in 1901, when Wallace C. Payne came to Lawrence to open the work, Bible courses have been taught every term.

This has been an interesting and successful experiment in cooperation between the state and religious forces in the coordination of university education and quality education in religion. For the past thirty years a cooperative school of religion has been operating on the campus adjacent to the University, and offering courses in religion fully accepted for academic credit by the university.

Christian College
Columbia, Missouri

Mrs. James D. Wyker, president of the department of United Church Women of the National Council of Church Women, and first vice-president of the International Convention; Barton Hunter, minister of the West Bluff Christian Church, Peoria, Illinois; and Dr. Franc McCluer, president of Lindenwood College, were among the speakers and resource leaders during the Christian College annual Religion in Life Week observance.

Plans are completed for the Centennial Commencement, June 1 to 5. Dr. Mildred McAfee Horton, former president of Wellesley College, and former commander of the WAVES, will give the Commencement address.

Miss Jane Froman, Christian College Alumnae and noted star of concert, stage and radio, gave a special concert recently as a part of this year's centennial celebration.

Lynchburg College
Lynchburg, Virginia

Founders Day was observed on April 19 with Dr. Belle Boone Beard, of the class of 1923, as the speaker. Dr. Beard is professor of Sociology at Sweet Briar College, and is vice-chairman of the board of trustees of Lynchburg College.

Alumni Honor Dr. Briney

At a meeting in Louisville, Ky., of the Transylvania College alumni, Thomas W. Giltner, center, announced that a five thousand dollar scholarship fund for Transylvania is to be raised in the name of W. N. Briney of the class of 1896. Dr. Briney, seated at the left, is pastor emeritus of Douglas Boulevard Christian Church in Louisville. At the right is D. P. Vandivier, past president of the Louisville alumni group. The guest speaker on this occasion was Dr. H. L. Smith of the class of 1922, president of the Board of Higher Education of Disciples of Christ.

Fifteen members of the Association of Religious Workers sold Easter lilies on the streets of Lynchburg on a Saturday in March as a part of the Virginia Society of Crippled Children drive for the aid of Virginia's cripples. The students spent forty-two hours and raised $217.00.

Bethany College
Bethany, West Virginia

An All-College Career Conference was held at Bethany College, April 26-27, to provide students with the opportunity of meeting and questioning active leaders in approximately twenty-five vocational fields.

Dr. Bernal R. Weimer, dean of the faculty and professor of Biology, is the author of a new one-semester zoology text to be published in May by John Wiley and Son. The title of the text is *Man and the Animal World,* and is written primarily for the student who has little training in biology.

The third Allegheny Regional Conference on Liberal Arts Education was held at Bethany College in March. The conference is sponsored by a committee on liberal arts education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and representatives of colleges and universities from many states in the east, south and mid-west, were in attendance. The keynote speaker of the conference was Dr. Raymond F. McLain, president of Transylvania College, Lexington, Kentucky.

Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, Texas

Dr. Jerome A. Moore, dean of AddRan College of Arts and Sciences at Texas Christian University, has been installed as the new consul of the Republic of Mexico serving in Fort Worth and Tarrant County. Commercial and business affairs of the Republic will be handled by the consulate in Dallas, and Dean Moore will represent Mexico's cultural and social interests in Fort Worth and Tarrant County.

Announcement has been made of four honorary degrees to be awarded at the graduation exercises on May 28. Those to be recognized are Harlie L. Smith, president of the Board of Higher Education of Disciples of Christ, LL.D.; Colby D. Hall, dean emeritus of Brite College of the Bible, D.D.; W. M. Winton, chairman of the TCU geology-biology department, D. Sci.; and L. C. Wright, TCU business manager, D.B.A.

At the same time 369 students will receive Bachelor's degrees, 75 will receive Master's degrees, and 15 will receive Bachelor of Divinity degrees from Brite College of the Bible.

Disciples House
Nashville, Tennessee

Herman Norton was formally inaugurated in April as dean of the Disciples House in connection with the annual spring convocation of the School of Religion of Vanderbilt University.

Among those who participated in the ceremonies were Dean John K. Benton, Vanderbilt School of Religion; Dr. G. Curtis Jones, representing the Board of

Higher Educaton, Disciples of Christ; Dr. Roger T. Nooe, representing the Christian churches of Tennessee; Dr. W. M. Hardy, chairman of the board of directors, Disciples Foundation; Frank Drowota, minister, Woodmont Christian Church and president of the Nashville Ministers' Association; and A. Garnett Day, minister of Eastwood Christian Church, representing the Christian churches of Nashville. An inaugural dinner was held at the Woodmont Christian Church following the ceremonies.

Drake University
Des Moines, Iowa

Drake University Law School held its annual supreme court day on April 6. Feature of the affair was the presentation of a trial case by four Drake law seniors before the court in its chambers at the Iowa State House.

The annual career conference was held on the campus during April, with some thirty business and professional people attending as resource leaders.

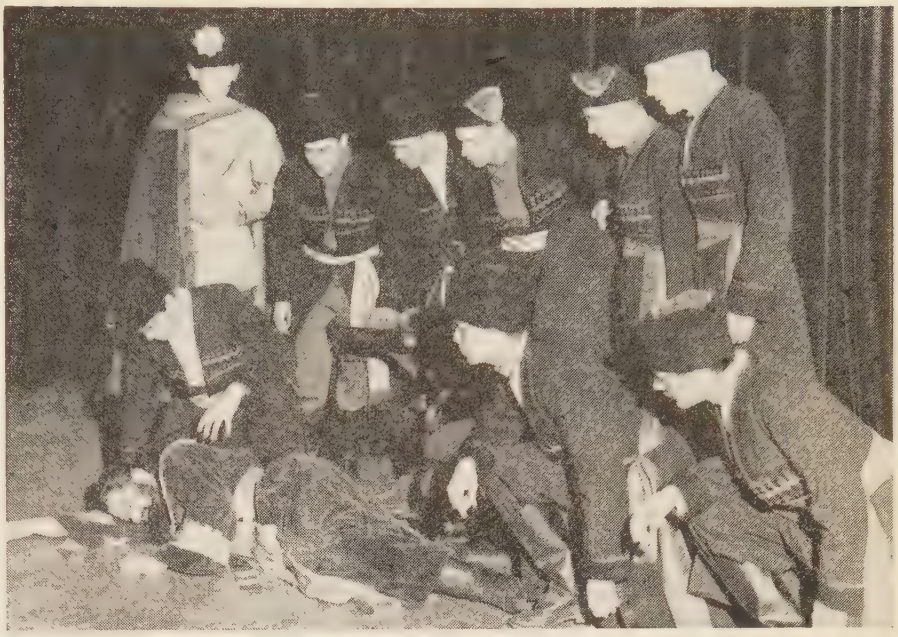
During the Drake University summer session the Pastors' Institute, sponsored by Drake and the United and Iowa Christian Missionary Societies, will be held July 10 to 12. Other features of the summer session include the visits by three top educational experts.

Butler University
Indianapolis, Indiana

"Missions in a Changing World" was the theme of the fifth annual missionary conference sponsored by the student volunteers of Butler University, held at the School of Religion in April. Missionaries from six different mission fields participated in the sessions.

The student volunteers of Butler University is a part of the international Student Volunteer Movement whose purpose is to present the cause of missions through worship, study and education, and to seek to enlist new missionaries.

Drake University Choir Presents Grand Opera



The poignant drama of the opera, *Boris Godounow*, is captured as the Tsar dies in the "Farewell and Death" scene in Drake University's annual "Night of Opera," performed in Des Moines, Iowa, by the Drake choir. Arias, scenes and duets from the best loved operas comprise a dramatically staged and costumed production. While on tour in the Midwest in April, the choir performed varied choral arrangements in addition to the opera selections. Sixty young artists appeared in productions from such operas as *Hansel and Gretel, Pagliacci, Madame Butterfly, Carmen,* and *Aida.* The choir appeared April 11 on WGN-TV in Chicago in an hour's program.

Disciples Divinity House
Chicago, Illinois

Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, Editor Emeritus of *The Christian Century,* has accepted the invitation of the Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago to deliver a series of lectures on Christian Unity. Dean W. B. Blakemore has announced that the lectures will take place Monday, October 29, through Wednesday, October 31, in Mandel Hall at the University of Chicago. They will constitute the fourth series of lectures that has been sponsored by the William Henry Hoover Lectureship on Christian Unity, which was established by the Disciples Divinity House in 1945.

In conjunction with the lectures, a series of workshops will be held under the auspices of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago.

Phillips University
Enid, Oklahoma

Easter evangelism actively participated in by about one hundred Phillips students was particularly effective this year with more than a thousand additions to the Christian churches, six hundred and fifty of whom were by confession and baptism.

Ground was broken for the new $150,000 wing of Clay Hall which, when completed, will house fifty-four young women. It will have a recreation room in the basement.

Atlantic Christian College
Wilson, North Carolina

Young men and women interested in foreign missionary service attended a conference on the campus, May 1 to 4. A missionary recruitment team made up of Dr. E. K. Higdon, secretary of missionary selection and training of The United Christian Missionary Society, Mrs. John R. Chatfield, missionary to the Philippines, and Mrs. Ava Dale Plummer Johnson, missionary to the Belgian Congo, consulted with the students.

Board of Higher Education Inaugurates New Service

AT the annual meeting of the Board of Higher Education in April, a new service to the organized life of the brotherhood was inaugurated. A research committee was formed to serve under the chairmanship of Dr. Stephen J. England, Dean of the Bible College, Phillips University.

Through this committee the research facilities of the member institutions of the Board of Higher Education are to be made available to the agencies and churches of the brotherhood to undertake research problems for them. It is known that many agencies have problems which need study, and it is anticipated that several of these could be studied by the research committee or by individuals working under the direction of that committee.

Some of these projects can be handled at the level of thesis or dissertations, and the more modest ones could become class projects undertaken by one or more students at the undergraduate level.

The committee is anxious to be of service; inquiries may be directed either to Dean England or to the Board of Higher Education.

The Board also at the annual meeting authorized the first major step in the proposed expansion program by September of this year. This involves the addition to the staff of one full-time executive whose major responsibility will be in the areas of literature and the creation of financial resources for the welfare of all agencies and institutions of higher education as they face the critical years ahead.

It was originally planned for this step to be taken one year earlier, but because of the extension of the Crusade, it was postponed.

Convention delegates enjoy a Hindustani noonday meal prepared by members of the Jubbulpore church and served out of doors in the shade of the trees.

Progress Is Reported *at the India Convention*

By LETA MAY BROWN*

WELLINGTON Tudu is an energetic seminary student-pastor of the Jubbulpore Disciples of Christ Church. He led the worship in the devotional period that opened the first session of the annual Convention of Churches of the Disciples of Christ Mission in India which met in Jubbulpore for three days beginning January 30. Mr. Tudu gave a convincing witness to his faith in our Master and in the Enduring Church.

There has come to be an increasingly greater percentage of Indians and lesser percentage of missionaries in attendance at both the Convention of Churches and the Convention of the India Mission. This year there were 56 delegates at the Convention of Churches, with some ten or eleven visitors from outside Jubbulpore in addition to local visitors. Six of the 56 delegates were women, and perhaps five women among the visitors. The percentage of women in attendance seems to be increasing year by year.

A most heartening aspect in the changes noticed is the increasing budget for the mission work at Kotah, supported by our Convention of Churches.

Who Selects the Delegates?

The church membership governs the number of delegates the church sends to the convention. A delegate should be able to read and write Hindi, and should be in good standing in the church of which he is a member. Of the 56 delegates, six were missionaries. All delegates are chosen by vote of the local church councils. The Mission Secretary also appoints a missionary as delegate from any area that may have no missionary representative.

Higher educational qualifications of those in attendance have come about gradually. There were probably not more than six present this year who had less than eighth-class pass education. This should definitely facilitate the work of committees of business sessions.

Officers Elected

This year's executive secretary was S. Maqbul Masih. The business sessions were carried through with satisfactory results in elections and plans for the future. Padri G. Samuel of Pendra Dih, a very able man, was elected to succeed Mr. Masih. Nathaniel Peters was made chairman of the convention, and Murad Scott, recording secretary. These two recently spent a year in the United States and are well qualified for the tasks for which they were elected.

Two other personalities stood out strong and forceful among many who might well be mentioned here. They are Headmaster S. P. Lal of Damoh, and George Newton, pastor of Pendra Road. The latter has just completed graduate study at the Bangalore Theological Seminary. Their voices were always heard on the side of sane judgment, and their words expressed real depths of spiritual concern for the Church of Christ in India.

Housing and Feeding the Delegates

Most of the men were housed in a large tent; some families were in smaller tents. Some of the ladies were put in what is commonly called *Zenana,* the former study hall and classroom of the old Bible College.

The food was entirely Hindustani—rice, curry, dal, chutneys, and an occasional special Indian sweet for lunch and supper; fried breads with tea for breakfast, and again tea at four o'clock with some special Indian dish. Everyone sat on the grass under the big trees and ate together, unanimous in their praise of the excellent meals served. The food was the more praiseworthy since these are days of difficult rationing under the scarcity of food in India.

Program Highlights

It is difficult to choose any one or two addresses from the long list of excellent devotionals and stirring addresses. All speakers reaffirmed our purpose in India—the establishment of an Enduring Church. All stressed the need for a better-trained ministry to lead our churches in these days of a new and untried freedom, a disturbing and challenging freedom.

Dr. Bhatty of the National Christian Council told us: "The church's work is growing with India's freedom, and with it comes increasing responsibility. Three years previously we feared that we would not be allowed to baptize. That has now changed. Now more hearts are ready, more doors open, and Christians need not be discouraged. Our first duty, our first thought, our first need is to preach the Word."

The convention ended with an impressive consecration service lead by Franklin White of Kotmi, a missionary. The three newly elected officers for the coming three years pledged loyalty to the tasks for which they have been chosen. The convention in turn pledged its support to those officers toward the end that the church in India may indeed be an Enduring Church.

Crusade Reports

In a joint session of the two convention groups, we reviewed the successes and failures of the Crusade in India over the three year period. Our most evident successes were in the sphere of finance. The Mungeli church was the first to reach its assigned quota, and it has since gone over and above the goal. Most churches have gone well over the top in the matter of money. Other successes are not so tangible and are hard to enumerate in convincing terms.

The Crusade for a Christian World was a superimposed and foreign scheme as far as our Indian churches are concerned, and was not adapted to Indian ways and manners. But on the whole, reports show three years of cooperative and stimulating, competitive enterprise which, all granted, has been most helpful even if it were but as a gauge toward future endeavors.

Our leaders of the church in India determined not to end the Crusade this year even though we cease to use that name. The seed planted shall be watered and tended until it comes into full flower and fruit. We shall go on evangelizing, leading, training our people, teaching our youth, preparing a better ministry, and giving of our substance that Christ's church in India may be an Enduring Church.

When the Convention of Churches ended and the Mission Convention began, it turned cold and began to rain. The missionaries brought out steamer rugs and wore two of everything. We huddled through five days of miserable weather!

*Miss Brown is a missionary in India under The United Christian Missionary Society. The Convention asked her to serve as reporter.

Women and WORLD HIGHWAYS

What We Are When It Happens

By BERTHA F. PARK*

WE were sitting before our respective typewriters, three of us in the office of the Women's Commission of the World Council of Churches in Geneva—Miss Sarah Chakko, Miss Lotte Schiff, the very capable office secretary, and I. The telephone rang. It was for Miss Chakko. We heard her say, "Oh, yes, send her right up." Then she turned to us and said, "I want you to hear this."

Frau von Sohrer Tells Her Story

We hardly had time to arrange a chair for the expected guest when into the room came one of the most contagious personalities I have ever seen. Her first words were, "I shall never be able to say it in English. My vocabulary is so limited it is like having a language without words." But when she had finished speaking there was no doubt in our minds as to what she was trying to tell us. There was such urgency back of her telling, and she had such a way about her that she could have converted us to her cause with even fewer words than she used. It is necessary to know something of her background to understand the purpose of her visit.

Her name was Frau von Sohrer von Sohr, which means that she was "Mrs." of the name of Sohrer from the castle of Sohr. When the Russians took over in Germany in 1945, they appropriated the castle and all the possessions of this family—everything! Frau von Sohrer (no longer of the castle of Sohr) and her husband now live just outside Dusseldorf. One might expect her to sit and grieve over their sorry plight. But not this woman!

When she saw the needs of the countless refugee children in that vicinity, she went before business leaders in the community and to welfare agencies and, with her winsome personality, succeeded in getting financial help for her dream. With these funds she rented a large house where she takes sixty refugee children at a time for periods of two weeks of good food, fun, and the kind of inspiration they catch from her.

Miss Chakko had known of this fine project; when we asked her more about it, she laughingly told us what Herr von Sohrer had said to his wife about her undertaking: "Remember, we are a family until after breakfast—then you can do anything you want to."

But this was not the story Frau von Sohrer wanted to tell us. She now sees the need of helping the younger women of the German church to render useful service. The work of deaconesses is all that is open to them under the present situation, and she said of them, "The deaconesses are angels, but they are so *pious!*" She knows that the young women she can reach will never in all the world become deaconesses, but they do want to do good with their lives.

So this unusual woman wants to start what she will call "The Lost Year School" to which she will call young women of the better class to dedicate a year of their lives. She will endeavor to give them religious inspiration and will bring in to live with them refugee mothers, so that they can understand each other and share with each other. This she thinks is badly needed in present-day Germany. Miss Chakko assured her that the Women's Commission would find some way to help her financially.

*Miss Park is executive secretary of the Ohio Christian Women's Fellowship.

Mlle. d'Aubigne's Chateau for Refugees

Mlle. d'Aubigne Shows Her Project

I met Mlle. J. Merle d'Aubigne in a refugee center of Cimade in Paris. Robert Tobias, Disciple representative in the World Council of Churches, was helping me to see his work in France. When this woman in her sixties came up to us, Bob greeted her as he would a beloved aunt. When he told her he wanted me to see her work, she took us out that very afternoon. And I came to know for the second time what a woman of noble birth and background is doing for others under almost impossible circumstances.

Mlle. J. Merle d'Aubigne

I was told that Mlle. d'Aubigne of the former nobility of France had served as a member of the French Underground and had been imprisoned for her activities. After the war, and at an age when most of us think of taking life more easily, this lone woman took it upon herself to find some way to help as many as possible of the desperate refugees around her. At the edge of Paris she rented a very large old chateau.

She then went to the International Refugee Organization and to Church World Service for help. Last year she had ninety persons under her care. Just now she has more than fifty. Most of them are the "hard core" refugees; but there are also families, and we saw one brand new baby! This resourceful woman has made over the old house so that each family unit has its own apartment. She said, "I have been in camps enough to know the importance of privacy."

Now, with IRO going out of existence, Mlle. d'Aubigne is facing the problem of finance. She explained to us the plan for making her project self-supporting, the finest such plan that I heard about in Europe. She has enlisted the interest of business and professional leaders in Paris. Through them she expects to get equipment for the different members of her "family" to enable them to make their distinctive contributions: tools for the cabinet makers, Angora rabbits for wool for the knitters, machinery for the processing of food which can be raised on the acreage around the chateau. What a remarkable person is this French woman! But why is she doing it all?

There is an application we might make here of the statement, "What we do when something happens depends upon what we are when it happens." I am quite convinced that Frau von Sohrer and Mlle. d'Aubigne, who have lost more than any of us will ever have of position and possessions, also had what it takes to lose so much. When it happened to them they were the kind of persons who could look around and see the needs of others and could give their lives to helping them. Their example might cause all of us to do some meditating on what we are.

For Adult Mission Study

Theme: *Churches for Our Country's Needs*

JULY

It Doesn't Just Happen

WITH July we turn to six months' study of the home mission field. The title, "It Doesn't Just Happen," was chosen for the first program in the new series, *Churches to Speed His Work.* It is a World Call program. If someone asks, "Why a World Call program in a home missionary series?" explain that WORLD CALL is our most significant carrier of home missionary news. It presents news of churches that are meeting our country's needs, that are speeding the Master's work. It presents needs. Did you read Fred Michel's article in the April issue, "New Churches for America"?

The interdenominational home mission study theme for 1951-52 is "Churches for Our Country's Needs." *Churches to Speed His Work,* a packet of six programs, is rich in content in regard to the home missionary program of the Disciples of Christ. Little is said in this packet about the institutions which we maintain. We shall be looking primarily at churches and their ministry. We shall make the acquaintance of various home missionaries, many home mission pastors.

Groups using programs will want the packet, *Churches to Speed His Work.* Groups preferring the discussion method of study will like to have *Churches to Speed His Work* for supplementary material. Their main study, however, will be from *Mission to America* by Truman Douglass, and the guide to its use. Every adult should read that book through in the next six months and ponder it thoroughly. All will want to read *NOW!* for its short pithy articles and stories, its brief anecdotes, and all the rich content which proves the truth of the little volume's subtitle, *Everybody Needs a Church.*

One does not need to look into these books to feel an oppressive sense of immediacy in the need for churches more adequate to our day. Individual and social failures fill our press and hammer at eyes and ears over television and radio. The time is *now* that everybody needs to be a part of a truly effective church.

Try a Sober Experiment

In a not-too-easy-chair, sit down and meditate upon these lines from Truman Douglass' *Mission to America.* Try a sober experiment of five minutes' genuine concentration on each sentence. What does each sentence mean in your own life and experience? Think through the issues first; and then, with Mr. Douglass' book in hand, find each sentence in its context and see what the author has to say on the subject.

1) Being "churchmen"—men and women of the church—is to follow a calling that is rigorous and objective, that makes demands upon our intelligence and will rather than upon our sentiment.

2) While some of the most conspicuous features of our society are sub-Christian or even anti-Christian, we must not forget that there is a reality called the Christian tradition that is the basis of much in the life of our nation.

3) The Christian church faces what is as clearly a missionary task in North America as in any of the so-called "mission lands" overseas.

4) They (the suburbanites) have begun to understand that they cannot flee from the solidarity of mankind, nor from the judgment of God upon much that is perverse and decadent in our whole culture, nor from the emptiness of their own selves so long as they are alienated from the Source of life's meaning.

5) However urgent the need for new churches to serve new communities created by the restless, moving, building people of America, the major task of Protestant church extension is one that does not require the erection of a single additional church building or the organizing of one new congregation.

6) To bring the church into being where it does not now exist, to empower it where it is weak, to recreate it where it has fallen into desuetude and sterility, and to unite its diverse families in one witness to its one Lord—this is still the primary mission of the Christian fellowship.

Our Country Needs Christians

The missionary worship services to accompany the study, *Churches to Speed His Work,* have the general theme, *Our Country Needs Christians.* The service for July is found on another page of this issue of WORLD CALL. It has the sub-title, "Christians Who Worship."

Look at this issue of WORLD CALL and other recent issues for material pertinent to the study upon which we are entering this month. Build up a backlog of resources. Have marked copies available for people who arrive early at meetings or linger late. Read about home missions; talk about them; give and pray for them.

Pray Constantly

Do you pray systematically for missions and missionaries, for all those engaged in Christian tasks? Many people are finding the little booklet, *Pray Constantly,* a helpful reminder of folk who need prayers. Over and over someone has exclaimed: "How that prayer fits my day! It is as though it had been written for me to use today, it is so timely." *Pray Constantly* has a scripture for the day, a listing of folk needing our intercessory prayers, and a short prayer. It is written for praying around a month and then around the year. The need of prayers is constant. The prayers and scriptures for thirty-one days will not lose any significance from being used over and over all the twelve months of the year.

Pray Constantly is a little volume to carry in one's purse to give to a friend who needs to have his thoughts directed to others. It is an excellent gift to take to a person who is shut in by illness or perhaps by household cares. It can lie on a dresser or ironing board as a reminder to pray. For the person who picks it up there is always guidance in helpful praying. (Available at 10 cents a copy, $9.25 a hundred, from The United Christian Missionary Society.)

For Better Programs

For better programs, or for more significant discussion sessions, concentrate on the aim of a program or discussion before proceeding with planning. The writer of a program or a guide has had an *aim* in arranging his materials. Failure to observe that aim is likely to result in a sense of frustration when one comes to use materials. Disregarding the aim will result in confusion in any given session and in the loss of continuity in a whole study.

Summer Is Yours!
What Will You Do with It?

SUMMER 1951 is here. To many thousands of high school young people summer means vacation. Individuals and groups may find time for activities for which there was no time during the busy months of the school year. Minds free from school assignments and classes may be interested in tripping to various parts of the world to become acquainted with people in other lands and to see how the churches here at home are trying to serve people of other countries.

Let's Go to Conference!

Conference for sure. Many will pronounce the week there the most valuable and pleasant one of summer vacation. Youth groups and adult advisers may look over the curriculum and plan for some of the delegates to enroll in courses which will give the world view. It is well to consider the responsibility which each delegate is likely to have in CYF during 1951-1952. Four courses related to missions are:

The Why of Missions. This is often taught by a missionary who uses stories and incidents from his own experience to illustrate why and how missions are important and are needed.

A Visit to Our Mission Fields Abroad. For the conferee interested in getting a glimpse of the work which the Disciples of Christ carry on abroad, this course is offered. The chairman of your study committee or your service committee would profit by this study. It would provide a background of general informaton against which the various countries are studied from year to year.

Building a Program of World Friendship. How-to-do-it is the approach in this course. Study, worship, service and recreation related to missionary efforts form a program which promotes understanding and a sense of fellowship with people of other nations. This course gives practice in planning the various phases of the program for the CYF. Students will use this summer the very booklets and maps which they will find helpful next winter when Latin America is being studied in the home church.

Churches for Our Country's Needs. Each year a course is taught on the home missions study theme. The purpose is to give information to the student and to develop interest and concern in the problem of taking the ministrations of the church to all people of the homeland. It is not a methods course. Yet a delegate who takes it should be able to give some leadership when the home church CYF studies the subject. There is a three-session unit in summer *Fellowship** quarterly and a related one in the fall issue.

Let's Read

Armchair travelers may read themselves around the world. A few good books which promote world friendship should tempt readers. The church library may lend them. Or a bookshelf or browsing table may serve youth only. A CYFer who has assisted in the public school library may be willing to set up a small youth library. Some books which would be enjoyed are the following:

Willow Hill, by Phyllis A. Whitney. Boys and girls of the senior class take courageous action on a civic problem.

Lost Boundaries, by W. L. White. An appealing story of a Negro family who "passed," together with the reaction of the oldest child when he learned his identity.

The Seven Stars, by Toru Matsumoto. Story developed around the experiences of seven Japanese boys through the years from 1928 to 1947. Intimate pictures of Japanese life and thought.

The Red Chair Waits, by Alice Margaret Huggins. Although betrothed in infancy by her parents, Shu-Lan decides to follow a career and choose her own husband.

Pearls Are Made, by Ann M. Harrison. Story of a brother and sister in Arabia. For intermediates and younger seniors.

Consider titles in the 1951-1952 reading list, *Toward World Christianity.* Give tease-reviews or use other methods of arousing curiosity and interest in certain books.

Let's Do a Play

Everyone enjoys a play. The cast from the CYF may present its play for some all-church occasion. If there is not time to memorize the lines, a radio or television performance may be given. A walk-through presentation may be effective if the cast has read the lines together to get the spirit of the play. Combine rehearsal and a social event. Get fun from preparing the play. Some plays related to understanding between groups and to world friendship are:

We Call It Freedom. American racial and social issues.

To Speak of Freedom. A literacy play.

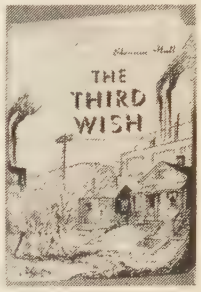
Empty Hands. A missionary and a Brahmin in India. Dramatic and forceful play.

Brazilian Gold. Your group might lay plans for presenting this in the winter when Latin America is being studied.

If a member of your group has interest and ability in writing or in acting in religious drama, he might consider attending the Religious Drama Workshop, August 16-27 at Green Lake, Wisconsin. (Request a folder giving details from the Missionary Education Department.)

Let's Study

NOW! is something new for seniors and young people. It is a digest type of booklet on the theme, "Churches for Our Country's Needs." Don't fail to use it with the three sessions on the theme in *Fellowship* quarterly for summer. To make your programs livelier, use suggestions appearing in *Christian Youth Fellowship Studies "Churches for Our Country's Needs."* Consider the films it describes. *The Third Wish* should make a good book review for one of your meetings.



Let's Plan Ahead

Now is the time for leisurely and thorough planning for 1951-1952. *Fellowship* quarterly will bring three sessions on Latin America in the winter issue and three in the spring issue. The free booklet, *Christian Youth Fellowship Studies Latin America* (available about July 15), offers you plans on study, service and recreation. Sketch out your plans for the winter.

—MARETA SMOOT

Missions In CYF

If you plan for seniors and older youth, look over the session plans in *Christian Youth Fellowship Studies "Churches for Our Country's Needs"* (one copy free on request). Since the study is made during different months, the booklet seems a better place than this page to print detailed suggestions on study, worship, service and recreation.

Missions in Chi Rho Fellowship

For leaders of intermediates is prepared a booklet containing suggestions on the mission study. Request a copy of *Chi Rho Fellowship Studies "Churches for Our Country's Needs."*

TODAY a phone call to the treasurer of your youth group will recall June 30—the end of the missionary year. All C.W.F.F. giving should be mailed with remittance form to arrive in Indianapolis by June 30.

—C. C. MILLS

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*Order from the Christian Board of Publication, 2700 Pine Blvd., St. Louis 3, Mo.

Echoes From Everywhere

Congo Miracle Of 1912

The passing of Dr. Louis Jaggard moves me to recall an interesting experience with him in Congo when I was there in 1912.

At Bolenge we had no hospital then—only a one-room dispensary. The natives brought in a Christian native from the back country who was in critical condition with a strangulated hernia. Dr. Jaggard was on his way to Monieka as its first doctor, and he happened to have with him at Bolenge his operating instruments. He quickly unpacked them and used the little dispensary as an operating room.

I sterilized the instruments in a dishpan of boiled water. The native Christians sang and prayed softly while Dr. Jaggard worked.

Night was coming on and a storm was brewing. Candles furnished our only light. There was no glass in the window openings; the people stood close together in a circle to keep the candles from being blown out.

The deft fingers of the little doctor accomplished the complicated surgery as one of the missionary wives gave the anaesthetic. The operation took an hour and a half because of complication.

Before the operation began, the patient had said to all: "Tell my people it's all right. I have served my God as best I could, and Jesus will care for me." I saw the man a month later, a walking and talking miracle before his people.

—STEPHEN J. COREY

Lexington, Kentucky

They Gave Even Beyond Their Strength

DISCIPLES of Christ have lost a great missionary and friend because of the death of 'Mother' Royal J. Dye," writes Felix A. Pascua, minister of the Filipino Christian Church, Los Angeles. "The church feels the loss more so because, to the members and to many other Filipinos in Southern California, she was 'Mother' indeed to them." Mrs. Royal J. Dye passed away on March 9, 1951.

Dr. and Mrs. Dye

Dr. and Mrs. Dye went to the Belgian Congo in 1899 as pioneer missionaries of Disciples of Christ. Together they brought a more abundant life to the Bantu tribe. Besides bringing the Christ to the people, perhaps Mrs. Dye's greatest contribution was that of giving to the natives their first written language.

Mrs. Dye was unable to return to Congo after 1907 because of her health. In the homeland, however, while caring for their three daughters, she found time for work in the church. She organized the Church School of Missions which was soon adopted as the best way to teach missions to all age groups. Later she became state secretary of youth recruits. She helped Chapman College by teaching classes in Prayer and was instrumental in establishing the Prayer Room in the International Convention.

From a small group of Chapman Filipino students who met in "Mother" Dye's garden for prayer and Bible study the Filipino Christian Fellowship was organized. "Through the years the affectionate Filipino people have been in the hearts and prayers of the Dyes who have watched the growth of the Christian Fellowship and the church with joy," says the *Philippines Star Press* of Los Angeles.

"Mother Dye gave herself and her great enthusiasm for Christian service to all lands," the *Star Press* continues; "she gave herself to needy groups such as Negro colleges and churches, to Japanese students and to devoted Christian workers. With all this she kept her home as a real center of missionary inspiration and help, calling in groups of various churches to share in this larger fellowship."

TO her close friends, Stella Tremaine was "the life of the party." Quick at catching a joke upon herself, alive with humor, and spontaneous with wit and repartee, she endeared herself to youth. Warm-hearted, compassionate, dependable and sincere, she likewise attracted thousands of adults to her close friendship.

Miss Tremaine

These characteristics, as well as her pioneering forcefulness and drive, fitted her for her chosen field of service as a Disciple missionary. Miss Tremaine sailed for China in 1921. Though she majored as an evangelist, she also taught in the Wuhu Christian Academy until her final illness forced her to return home in 1947. She had an outstanding influence upon youth, whether in China or in the States. Her zeal for greater missionary effort was felt during her years at home when she spoke in local churches and addressed state and national conventions.

Miss Tremaine was born in a sod house on the plains of Kansas to pioneering parents, Royal H. and Harriett E. Tremaine. Her own pioneering interests were essentially those of the mind and spirit. From childhood she was determined to secure the most thorough enducation possible. She took her Bachelor's degree from Kansas University and her Master's from Columbia; she completed her academic work for a Ph.D. at Columbia, lacking only a written thesis to winning this coveted degree. She attended Phillips University one year, after which she taught English there for a year.

During Miss Tremaine's last two years—living with her sister, Mrs. Edgar Lloyd Smith in Glendale, California—she became a veritable "Shepherd of the Sidewalks." Slowly and haltingly, leaning upon her cane, she walked the streets making friends with little children, giving hope and renewed life to the aged, and attracting the young parents of her beloved among the children. Until her last day on earth, March 23, 1951, Miss Tremaine demonstrated her indomitable will to serve and her wistful yearnings for love and friendship. She was an ambassador for Christ at home and in far-flung places of the earth.

Baigas Suffer From Yaws

A few months ago we began a program in cooperation with the Government Forest Service of conducting Yaws and Health Clinics among the Baigas, aboriginal people living mostly in the hills and jungles to the west and south of Pendra Road. It is interesting that Yaws is epidemic in this hill area, while at Pendra Road we seldom see a case.

Franklin White and some of his evangelists accompanied us on two trips and used their audio-visual equipment for showing health and religious pictures. They played music and gave explanations over the loud speaker. Probably some of these people have never heard the Christian message before.

—KENNETH BONHAM

Pendra Road, M. P., India

Up-To-Date Clinic For Yakima Indians

"This clinic is better supplied with the proper kinds of medicines than some hospitals I know of," said Dr. Corpron one day when he was attending the clinic for the Yakima Indian Christian Mission. His statement surprised us. He went on to say that it is cheapest in the long run to use the best medicines—illness is stopped more quickly and more lives are saved.

The doctor is a good psychologist, for he was paving the way, with his subtle though sincere compliment, to ask for a new medicine for small infants. The medicine would cost five dollars an ounce. We had just bought fifty dollars worth of Aureomycin. Extravagant? Dr. Corpron, himself, is also extravagant in the use of his time given without charge to the Indian people. We bought the medicine for him!

Pete Shawaway came in a hurry one day to say that his baby was very ill. Mrs. Norment followed him home. The same old story: The "medicine woman" and the faith-healing Shaker faith tried first. Mrs. Norment bundled them all into the car and raced for Dr. Corpron's office in Yakima, thirty miles distant.

When the doctor first took the baby's temperature, he said, "I must have forgotten to shake the thermometer; it says 109 degrees. He took it again. It showed 108½°. He rushed the baby to the hospital, but it

Missionary Worship Service

Theme: *Our Country Needs Christians*

JULY

Christians Who Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP:

"Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;
Gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
Bring and adore him,—the Lord is His name."

HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" (*Christian Worship: A Hymnal*, 95)

SCRIPTURE: And the devil took him up, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory; for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it shall all be yours." And Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'"

—*Luke 4:5-8**

Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace. —*Ps. 29:1,2,11*

LEADER: Our country needs Christians—Christians who worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, who praise him with joyful adoration, who quiet themselves before the Lord, who see themselves in right relationship to God and to one another, who penitently seek the cleansing of the Holy Spirit, who come to the Lord with thanksgiving.

Our country needs churches, churches with spires pointing to the sky. Our country needs Christians who lift their hearts to God in houses of worship and in their homes and offices, Christians who practice the presence of God, who experience his fatherhood, who in days of anxious, frustrating, inharmonious living, grow into a peace of mind, a calm of soul.

Today we are tempted in many distracting ways. The devils of power, of position, of wealth, are asking us to bow down and worship them. We need to answer them as Jesus did the devil who tempted him, "It is written

'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"

We need to

"Follow with rev'rent steps the great example
Of him whose holy work was 'doing good';
So shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple,
Each loving life a psalm of gratitude."

Gratitude is a Christian virtue. Christian lives—dedicated Christian lives—are truly psalms of gratitude that are read of all men.

"O brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother;
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
To worship rightly is to love each other,
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer."

Our country needs Christians who worship in spirit and in truth, who come from worship with the good will to understand not only other Christians but all of God's children, to interpret misunderstandings, to reconcile differences, to be servants of all as was God's beloved Son in the days he walked the earth.

OFFERTORY SENTENCES: Our country needs Christians who worship with their gifts. Let us bring our offerings.

"These to thee, my God, we owe,
Source whence all our blessings flow."

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, accept these our gifts. We bring them with joy and with a prayer that they may bring blessings to others when used in thy name. Amen.

MISSIONARY BENEDICTION

*Revised Standard Version of the New Testament.

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was too late. Its life might have been saved with one shot of penicillin if the baby had been brought to him earlier. Pete and his wife probably realized their mistake. Later they brought their old grandmother, whom the doctor helped.

—MALCOLM L. NORMENT

White Swan, Washington

Temporary Study Hall

Of the 500 students in the boys high school at Bilaspur, India, 90 are Christian boys of the Bilaspur town and district. Those from the district, who are housed in temporary quarters awaiting the building of a hostel, use the front verandah of the Gamboe home for their study hall. Here they have the advantage of electric lights over their study tables.

The young Christian teachers of the school act as supervisors, each giving his time free of charge. These teachers who in their school days received scholarship and stipends from the Mission to make possible their education now help these Christian boys of the villages to get a high school education.

—FRANCES W. GAMBOE

In Memoriam

Mrs. Lula Cochran Moore, January 31, 1951, Eminence, Ky. Faithful member of the missionary society of the Eminence Christian Church for four years. Will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Lelia W. Skinner, January 5, 1951, Farmville, N. C. Life-long member of the Farmville Christian Church and C.W.F. Her attention to small duties and unselfishness to all duties of the Fellowship magnified every service.

Edna B. Browning, March 26, 1951, Kansas City, Mo. Director of education and youth at Oak Park Christian Church since 1949. She was in demand as a leader in her work throughout the city. Twenty-one years of her life have been devoted to religious education and youth.

Mrs. Helen Maynard, March 11, 1951, Bradford County, Pa. Choice member and worker of the Alba Church of Christ. Her interest in missions brought about personal acquaintance with several missionaries. A son, Garth, is a minister in Ravenna, Ky. Age 62.

Miss Maud Lindsey, March 28, 1951, Beaumont, Texas. Faithful member of First Christian Church, and lovingly known as Aunt Maud. She lived in Beaumont for 40 years.

Rev. E. C. Lacy, March 1, 1951, Hopkinsville, Ky. Held pastorates in Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, and Illinois. He loved the church and gave himself for it. Especially interested in missions. Age 68.

Mrs. Lou Van Hooser, March 10, 1951, Hopkinsville, Ky. Member of Ninth Street Christian Church for 51 years. Always at Sunday school when health permitted. Outstanding for her faithfulness, visits to the sick, and outstretched hand of welcome to new members and visitors. Age 80.

Mrs. Anna McGehee Laughlin, February 15, 1951, Del Rio, Texas. Church member 60 years, and of First Christian Church, Del Rio, 38 years. Active in all departments of church work. Devoted Christian and a faithful, loyal worker.

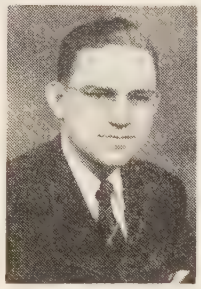
Mrs. Ada G. Lynch, February 25, 1951, Fort Worth, Texas. One of the most active and faithful women of First Christian Church. Usually served as registration secretary for state and international conventions.

Mrs. Florence Talbott Bryan, March 24, 1951, North Middletown, Ky. Charter member of the missionary society organized in 1896, and the first secretary. A native of Bourbon County, Kentucky. Age 90.

Mrs. Ethel Anderson, March 8, 1951. Secretary of the Christian Women's Fellowship of the Spartanburg (Lynn, Ind.) Church of Christ. The church suffers a great loss in her passing and that of her husband just ten months ago.

WORLD CALL NEWS ROOM

WILLIAM Martin Smith will become a general representative of the Pension Fund of Disciples of Christ July 1. Mr. Smith comes from a successful pastorate of the newly developed East Side Christian Church, Evansville, Ind. While Mr. Smith was pastor the church grew from 40 to 409 members, built a new church building and purchased a parsonage. In addition the church exceeded all its goals in a Crusade for a Christian World.



Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith is a graduate of Phillips University and has done graduate work in Butler University, Union Theological Seminary and Columbia Teachers College. He served three and one-half years as navy chaplain, and has served as chairman of the Indiana Commission of Religious Education and was a member of the National Curriculum Committee.

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Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Goulter, the last Disciple missionaries to leave China, cabled The United Christian Missionary Society from Hong Kong April 10, "Free, thank God. Just arrived. Grateful for answered prayers."

The Goulters flew from Hong Kong to Australia, where they are visiting Mr. Goulter's relatives before returning to the United States.

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The Second National Laymen's Retreat of Christian Churches will be held Aug. 10-12 at the Alexander Campbell Home, Bethany, W. Va. The Retreat is being sponsored by the department of men's work of The United Christian Missionary Society and the men of West Virginia. Besides a program which lists outstanding Disciple speakers, there will be pilgrimages to other near-by points of interest to Disciples. Publicity is available from the national office.

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A son, Richard Ernest, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Paget, Jr., April 3 at Corvallis, Ore. The parents are missionaries to Africa with The United Christian Missionary Society.

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Youth leaders will carry much responsibility for the Convocation of Christian Youth Aug. 15-19 on the University of Illinois campus in Urbana, Ill. Miss Peggy Thomas of Wichita Falls, Tex., president of the International CYF Commission, and Albert Pennybacker of Chattanooga, Tenn., associate president, will preside. Miss Peggy Humbert of Niles, Ohio, is secretary of the Commission.

Committee chairmen of the CYF Commission will assist in the workshops. They are Miss Joyce Swango of Kentucky, worship; Miss Carolyn Monroe of Georgia, study; Charles Wilson of Oklahoma, service; Miss Rosemary Evans of Minnesota, enlistment; Charles Gladney of Missouri, recreation; and Howard Smith of Illinois, interfellowship.

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Mrs. Ruth Estes Milner, national director of church and community service with The United Christian Missionary Society, will go to Modesto, Calif., July 1-8 to help train a team of four young people for work among migrants. This project, sponsored by the Disciples churches of Northern California, is the first Disciple work among migrants in the Western Area. It is being done in cooperation with the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches in the Western Area.

The team will spend six weeks in Christian educational work and recreation among migrants.

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Dr. Louis Wirth, sociologist and research specialist of Chicago, was the leader in a conference on Negro education sponsored by The United Christian Missionary Society in Indianapolis May 3-5. Dr. H. B. McCormick, president of the United Society, was chairman. Dr. Cleo Blackburn, advisory consultant on the Jarvis Christian College enlargement program and director of Flanner House, and Dr. John B. Eubanks, executive vice-president of Jarvis, were key speakers before the discussion groups of American educators who attended the conference.

Findings of eighteen months of intensive research in the field of Negro education were presented to leaders responsible for the formation of institutional policies and publication of information.

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Final arrangements have been announced for the European Study Tour sponsored by Texas Christian University and conducted by Dr. A. T. DeGroot, dean of the graduate school. The party will leave New York July 13 on the "Mauretania," cabin class, and return to arrive Aug. 27 on the "Queen Elizabeth," tourist class. A tour of the continent will terminate with a visit to England for the Festival of Britain. Noted European church leaders will meet the group.

A few reservations are still available, and information can be had by writing Dr. DeGroot at Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, Tex.

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Miss Verla Elliott and Charles O. Scott will be married June 3 in the First Christian Church in Ft. Collins, Colo. Miss Elliott recently returned from her first term as missionary to China with The United Christian Missionary Society. Mr. Scott is serving in the Navy. He hopes to devote his life to the mission field after his navy service is completed.

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Dr. Nina Stevens Wells died at the home of her son, Henry Asbury Stevens, in Newport Beach, Calif., April 4. She was eighty-four years old. Dr. Stevens and her husband, Elias Sherman Stevens, went to Japan in 1892 as Disciple missionaries, where they did pioneer work in Tokyo and Akita. They returned to the States in 1907. After taking a refresher course in medicine to qualify to practice in California, Dr. Stevens worked in an "East Side" clinic in Los Angeles,

Convention Is Held in Kingston

The Seventy-First Annual Convention of the Association of Christian Churches in Jamaica met early this spring at the Duke Street Christian Church in Kingston. Standing at the left is Robert G. Nelson and third from left in front row is Miss Myrle Ward, missionaries with The United Christian Missionary Society. The Convention theme was "The Crusade Becomes a Continuing Effort." The concluding service had as its guest speaker the Rev. C. G. Whylie, past secretary of the Jamaica Baptist Union.

Missionary Register

Arriving from the Field:

Mr. and Mrs. I. Hubert Reynolds and their children, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Smythe, and Mr. and Mrs. James McCallum arrived in San Francisco April 11 from China.

and for two years was visiting doctor to the hospital for The Volunteers of America. Mr. Stevens, who had been in poor health for many years, died in 1921.

Dr. Stevens and W. T. Wells were married in 1926. Together they did much good in the pastorates Mr. Wells held in Southern California. After the death of Mr. Wells in 1940, Dr. Wells continued to practice medicine with her son. Dr. Wells lived a life of service for her church and for mankind.

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Dr. O. L. Shelton, dean of the School of Religion, Butler University, and Mrs. Shelton will sail for England July 14. At the Oklahoma City International Convention Dr. Shelton was chosen as fraternal delegate to the 1951 Annual Assembly of British Churches of Christ, which will be held in Barrow in Furness Aug. 5-9.

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Mrs. Maude Nease Lookabill died at her home in Indianapolis April 22. She was an active member of Third Christian Church. Before her marriage to Lawrence B. Lookabill, Mrs. Nease was for ten years state secretary of missionary organizations in Indiana.

She is survived by her husband and a daughter, Mrs. Harley Claffey, and grandson of Ft. Wayne, Ind.

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Two Negro Institutes were held in North Carolina in April. Thirty-seven ministers attended the Washington Norfolk Institute, April 10-13, and 26 attended the Goldsboro Institute, April 17-20. The Institutes were sponsored by the department of church development and evangelism of The United Christian Missionary Society in cooperation with the National Missionary Convention.

C. L. Parks, executive secretary of the Goldsboro Institute, was local director of both Institutes, and Charles L. Brooks, from the United Society, was general administrator. Dale W. Medearis, national director of town and country church with the United Society, and Charles H. Webb, national director of church development and evangelism of the Missionary Convention, were staff members. Other staff members were distinguished clergy and educators of the Southeast.

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The foreign division of The United Christian Missionary Society held a conference of missionary staff recently returned from China in Missions Building, Indianapolis, May 11-12. The conference was concerned with a discussion of the China situation as it affects future missionary program. Missionaries had conference with Virgil A. Sly, chairman of the division, to determine future assignment.

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Miss Jeanne Fleming and Parker Rossman will be married June 6 at the First Christian Church, Columbia, Mo. Miss Fleming is the student worker at the University of Oklahoma, and Mr. Rossman is national director of student work with The United Christian Missionary Society. They plan to make their home in Indianapolis. Miss Fleming is the niece of Miss Jennie V. Fleming, former missionary to India.

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Twenty-one baptisms followed the Easter program of Yakima Indian Christian Mission. Malcolm L. Norment, director of the Mission, did the baptizing. Waldo L. Roppel, staff member, and students participated in the services. Eddie Alex, one of the candidates for baptism and gifted student musician, sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus Than Anything." Nearly all the candidates were late teen-agers, many of whom have been receiving Christian education in the mission for three years.

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The Disciples Student Summer Conference will meet at Camp Hollister, Mo., June 18-23. The theme of the Conference is "The Nature and Renewal of the Church." An important agenda of business is to be presented the delegates, including consideration of raising money for a new student center in Puerto Rico and the question of sending a delegate to India in 1952 to the General Committee of the World's Student Christian Federation.

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MARCUS Bach is "America's foremost religious researcher" according to the publishers' "blurb" on the jacket of his latest book *Faith and My Friends.* This is an overstatement, of course, but it must be said that the author has a rare skill of sympathetically entering into the experiences of various worshipers of weird religions and to detail their experiences and convictions. He takes his readers into the inner lives of the Mormons, the Trappists, the Swedenborgians, the Penitente, the Hutterites and the Vedantists, and writes convincingly of their utter devotion to their strange faiths.

A BEAUTIFULLY written novel by a British writer, Nevil Shute, *Round the Bend,* is in contrast to much of the modern filth of fiction. It is the story of Tom Cutter, a British aviator, who develops a project of charter plane service in the Near East. An interesting personality of the book is Connie Shaklin, a half Asian and half British mechanic. Shaklin is a religious mystic, part Christian, part Buddhist and part Confucian. Instead of centering his religion in churches or shrines he centers it in vocation. He gathers the workers about the airfield to pray and enter into their work in the mystic spirit of religion. It is a gross exaggeration of the importance of vocation but it has a point at that, for the divorcement of religion from vocation is one of the basic evils of our day.

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RELIGION AND THE NEW PSYCHOLOGY, by Alson J. Smith. Garden City, New York. Doubleday and Co. 192 pp. Price $2.50.

FAITH AND MY FRIENDS, by Marcus Bach. Indianapolis. Bobbs-Merrill Co., Inc. 302 pp. Price $3.00.

ROUND THE BEND, by Nevil Shute. New York. William Morrow and Co. 341 pp. Price $3.00.

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THE SHORTER OXFORD BIBLE, Abridged and Edited by G. W. Briggs, G. B. Caird, N. Micklem. New York. Oxford University Press. $1.85.

WAR IN KOREA, by Marguerite Higgins. New York. Doubleday & Company. $2.75.

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HOW CHRIST CAME TO CHURCH, by A. J. Gordon. Philadelphia. The Judson Press. $1.50.

CHURCH OFFICERS AT WORK, by Glenn H. Asquith. Philadelphia. The Judson Press. 75 cents.

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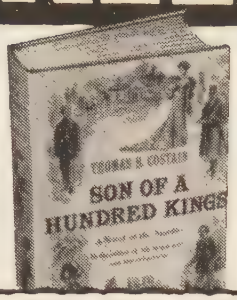

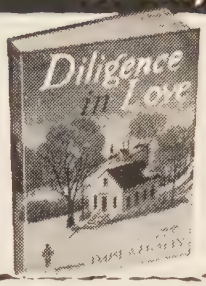

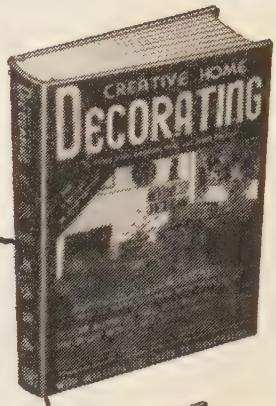

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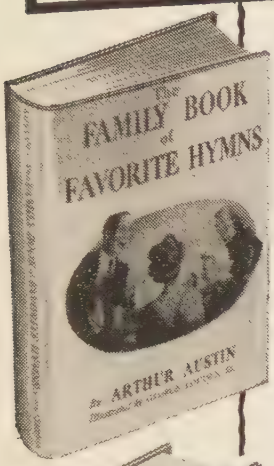

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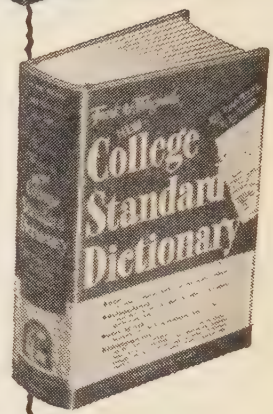

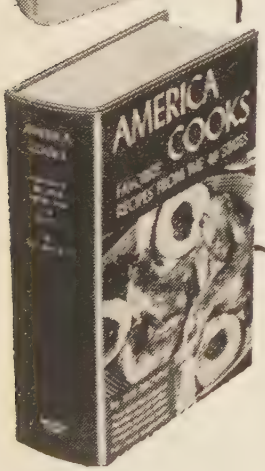

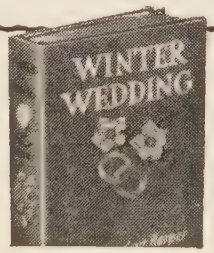

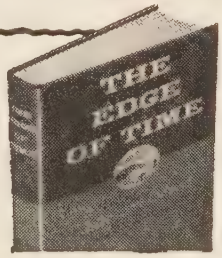

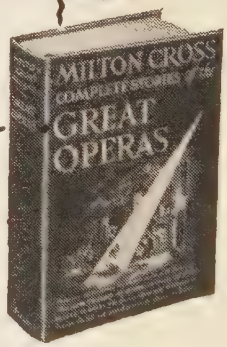

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A little girl can be sweeter (and badder) oftener than anyone else in the world. She can jitter around, and stomp, and make funny noises that frazzle your nerves, yet just when you open your mouth, she stands there demure with that special look in her eyes. A girl is Innocence playing in the mud, Beauty standing on its head, and Motherhood dragging a doll by the foot.

Girls are available in five colors—black, white, red, yellow, or brown—yet Mother Nature always manages to select your favorite color when you place your order. They disprove the law of supply and demand—there are millions of little girls, but each is as precious as rubies.

God borrows from many creatures to make a little girl. He uses the song of a bird, the squeal of a pig, the stubbornness of a mule, the antics of a monkey, the spryness of a grasshopper, the curiosity of a cat, the speed of a gazelle, the slyness of a fox, the softness of a kitten, and to top it all off he adds the mysterious mind of a woman.

A little girl likes new shoes, party dresses, small animals, first grade, noise makers, the girl next door, dolls, make-believe, dancing lessons, ice cream, kitchens, coloring books, make-up, cans of water, going visiting, tea parties, and one boy. She does not care so much for visitors, boys in general, large dogs, hand-me-downs, straight chairs, vegetables, snow suits, or staying in the front yard. She is loudest when you are thinking, the prettiest when she has provoked you, the busiest at bedtime, the quietest when you want to show her off, and the most flirtatious when she absolutely must not get the best of you again.

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I recalled how the movement started in 1948, and how the president of the Philippines in 1949 proclaimed the first week of December of every year as Family Week. The general theme was "Healthy Families Make a Strong Nation." The specific emphasis for 1950 was "Strengthening Family and Home Defenses."

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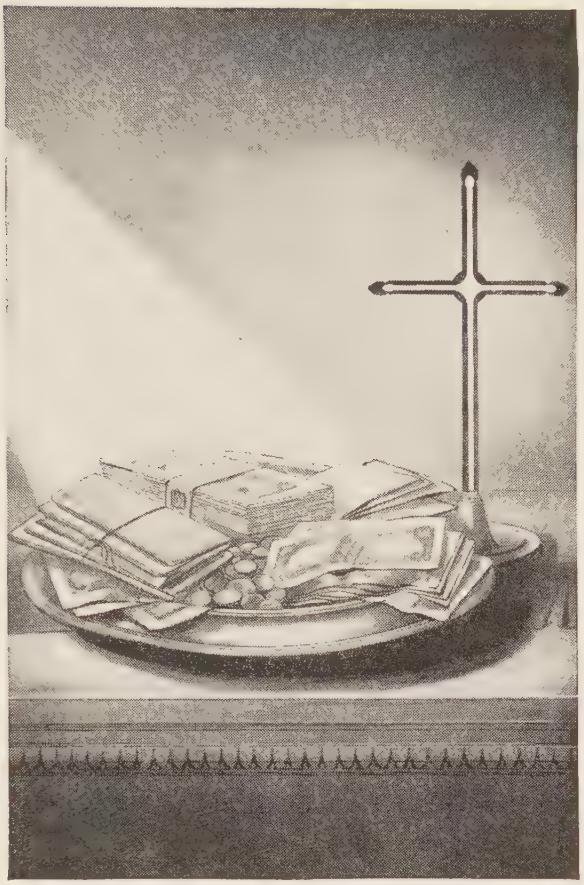
As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10



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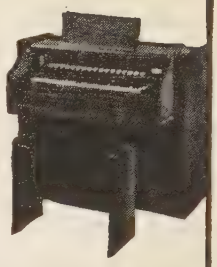
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Not Bad for a Rainy Day!

A RECENT activity here left me with the dirtiest house in India! For years the Bilaspur church holds a *mela*—Fair or Bazaar—on Easter Monday. It is always held under the big tree on our compound. The tree has a spread of 150 feet and casts its afternoon shade all over one side of this six-acre compound.

We carry out tables and chairs, and set up stalls where we sell all kinds of things —toys, "white elephants," books, magazines, ready-to-wear, fancy work, etc. Then we have stalls where we sell tea, coffee and doughnuts, pink lemonade, and "lucky dip" for the children.

For several years now the women's society of the church has run the *mela* most successfully and has made considerable money for the Crusade effort. Our goal is for every woman member to contribute one piece of handwork and one plate of food, or some sugar, milk, or tea. Everything is donated.

The women are always quite amazed at the amount we can raise by each person doing just a little. Last year we made over Rupees 400. This was made possible partly by printed feed sacks from America. The women and student nurses made them up into little dresses and blouses, sun-suits and sport shirts. Some women hemstitched tea cloths from the big splashy patterns.

By Saturday before Easter this year, my back bedroom was piled high with the finished articles; the committee had met and put on price tags. The hospital staff was contributing and running one food stall of coffee and doughnuts. The teachers of the Girls' School were in charge of another food stall, as well as one with fancy work. The women had secured their food supplies at the Saturday Bazaar.

And then the rain began on Easter Sunday—an unheard of thing at this time of year! It poured all Sunday night and nearly all day Monday. Since the women do not have facilities for keeping food as we do, the committee had a hasty meeting and decided to have the *Mela* on our two large verandas and in our living-dining room.

We cleared out the rooms of our house and put the stalls in there and on the verandas. We felt sure there would not be the usual huge crowd.

At 3:30 there was a terrific downpour. All the ladies en route were drenched. The verandas were like lakes. Then the rain stopped, the sun came out, and so did the people! All of the Christian community, plus a hundred girls from the school turned out. One could scarcely move through the throng. Mr. Hall set up the public address system for announcements and music, and we opened the *Mela* on time.

The crowd had a good time and practically cleared out the stalls. They cleared up all the food. At 5:30 we removed the tables and swept up the debris. Then Wm. D. Hall set up the projector, and at least three hundred people crowded into the living-dining rooms and sat close together on the floor to see the last three reels of the movie, "King of Kings." At least fifty young men stood on the veranda viewing the movie through the windows and doors.

By 7:30 it was all over and everyone was gone. I was left with the dirtiest house in India and fell into bed exhausted. Next day we counted the cash—Rupees 375. Not bad for a rainy day!

Our women here are just waking up to what they can do. It is a joy to be able to help them do it. —FRANCES W. GAMBOE

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Gentry Shelton, minister of education and music at Central Christian Church, Lexington, Kentucky, will serve as Dean again this year of the Sixth Workshop for Directors of Christian Education, Conference Point Camp, Williams Bay, Wisconsin, during the week of July 22-28, 1951.

A larger number of directors is expected to attend this summer to take advantage of an opportunity for fellowship with other directors, work on a problem of their choice, counsel with recognized leaders, exchange ideas, and hear the lectures on "The Director and the Church's Responsibility for Christian Growth," by Dr. Harry H. Kalas, director of educational evangelism, National Council of Churches.

Charles Marion Ross, staff adviser and director of education administration of The United Christian Missionary Society, will meet with the Disciple Directors during the Workshop for personal conferences and for meetings with the National Fellowship of Disciple Directors and its officers, Earl Kragnes, chairman, and Iris Ferren, secretary.

Relief Packages to Philippines

Relief items are greatly needed in the Philippines. They may now be sent direct to the missionaries who can receive most items duty free. Mr. and Mrs. Norwood B. Tye, serving at Vigan under The United Christian Missionary Society write:

"For a time we could not receive parcels here at Vigan without paying duty on them. The services of a fine Protestant lawyer, in behalf of the Mission, brought the postal authorities around. The government ruling on import duty had been misinterpreted by local officials. As nearly as we have been able to find out, no duty should be charged on packages valued at less than $25.00. Some items like milk, new books, and sardines are still subject to import control."

Churches and individuals may now send *used* clothing, *used* books, layettes and food packages to the Philippines. The items will be distributed by missionaries and pastors among the needy people of the Christian churches.

Parcels may be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Norwood B. Tye, Box 51, Vigan, Ilocos Sur, Philippines, or to Mr. and Mrs. George Earle Owen, 808 Merced St., Paco, Manila, Philippines.

Mark plainly on package, "For relief—not for resale."

Correction!

In the May issue of WORLD CALL, reference was made to the church served by Harriet-Louise H. Patterson, who is planning an Air Cruise to the Holy Land. Miss Patterson serves the church at Chesterland, Ohio, rather than Chesterton. Her home address is 10720 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland 6, Ohio.

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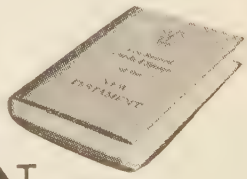

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Reservations for rooms at Disciples Headquarters should be sent to Mrs. John P. Sala, Jackson, Ohio.

A copy of the *1951 Season Program* may be ordered from Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, N. Y. Also available from the same address is *Religious Work at Chautauqua.*

Christian Children's Fund, Inc.

CHANGE in the name of China Children's Fund, Inc., to Christian Children's Fund, Inc., has been announced by Dr. J. Calvitt Clarke, executive director.

The Fund, whose North American headquarters has always been in Richmond, Virginia, will continue its work of gathering privately contributed funds to help orphaned, starving and otherwise needy children in eleven non-Communist countries, Dr. Clarke stated. The Fund is now operating thirty-eight orphanages in these countries, and caring for some seven thousand children.

Incorporated under the laws of Virginia, the Fund is an international interdenominational missionary association which administers to the physical, mental and spiritual needs of children of all races and creeds. The Fund is a member of the Foreign Missions Division of the National Council of Churches of Christ of the United States.

Income of the Fund comes mainly from individuals of the United States, although some donations come from persons in other countries. These funds help to support partially or totally orphanages in Formosa, Hong Kong, Malaya, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Burma, Indonesia, India, Pakistan and Lebanon.

Explaining the need for changing the Fund's name, Dr. Clarke said that when the Fund was started in 1938, its operations were then confined only to China. However, over the years, as additional needs in other countries presented themselves, the Fund broadened its operations by establishing and operating or by contributing to the operation of orphanages in other countries.

"Our former name, China Children's Fund, Inc., has been inadequate to explain all our operations and recently caused some misunderstandings," Dr. Clarke stated.

What Is a Boy?

By Alan Beck

BETWEEN the innocence of babyhood and the dignity of manhood we find a delightful creature called a boy. Boys come in assorted sizes, weights, and colors, but all boys have the same creed: To enjoy every second of every minute of every hour of every day and to protest with noise (their only weapon) when their last minute is finished and the adult males pack them off to bed at night.

—RNS

Boys are found everywhere—on top of, underneath, inside of, climbing on, swinging from, running around, or jumping to. Mothers love them, little girls hate them, older sisters and brothers tolerate them, adults ignore them, and Heaven protects them. A boy is Truth with dirt on its face, Beauty with a cut on its finger, Wisdom with bubble gum in its hair, and the Hope of the future with a frog in its pocket.

When you are busy, a boy is an inconsiderate, bothersome, intruding jangle of noise. When you want him to make a good impression, his brain turns to jelly or else he becomes a savage, sadistic, jungle creature bent on destroying the world and himself with it.

A boy is a composite—he has the appetite of a horse, the digestion of a sword swallower, the energy of a pocket-size atomic bomb, the curiosity of a cat, the lungs of a dictator, the imagination of a Paul Bunyan, the shyness of a violet, the audacity of a steel trap, the enthusiasm of a fire cracker, and when he makes something he has five thumbs on each hand.

He likes ice cream, knives, saws, Christmas, comic books, the boy across the street, woods, water (in its natural habitat), large animals, Dads, trains, Saturday mornings, and fire engines. He is not much for Sunday school, company, schools, books without pictures, music lessons, neckties, barbers, girls, overcoats, adults, or bedtime.

Nobody else is so early to rise, or so late to supper. Nobody else gets so much fun out of trees, dogs, and breezes. Nobody else can cram into one pocket a rusty knife, a half-eaten apple, 3 feet of string, an empty Bull Durham sack, 2 gum drops, 6 cents, a sling shot, a chunk of unknown substance, and a genuine supersonic code ring with a secret compartment.

A boy is a magical creature—you can lock him out of your work shop, but you can't lock him out of your heart. You can get him out of your study, but you can't get him out of your mind. Might as well give up—he is your captor, your jailer, your boss, and your master—a freckled-face, pint-sized, cat-chasing, bundle of noise. But when you come home at night with only the shattered pieces of your hopes and dreams, he can mend them like new with the two magic words—"Hi Dad!"—*Copyright, New England Mutual Live Insurance Company.*

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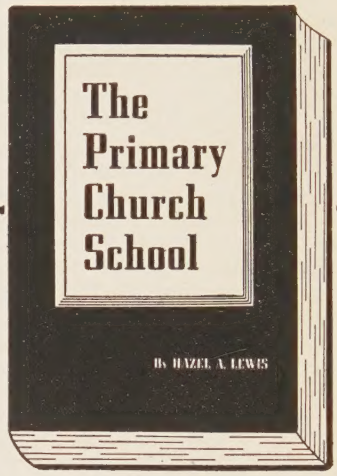

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For several years we have given a free subscription on orders of ten subscriptions received at one time; but now, with deep regret, we must announce that after July first we can no longer make this offer.

This step is taken in the hope that it will help us avoid an actual increase in individual subscription rates. There is no assurance that this hope can be realized, but we expect at least to postpone such action as long as possible.

The many letters we are receiving telling of World Call programs certainly makes interesting reading. I wish there were space to share them with you, but there have been so many that just to list them would fill this page.

Mrs. Olive Leslie, of Winnepeg, Canada, writes of a supper meeting of the Home Street and Norwood Churches sponsored by the Manitoba Women's Board of the Christian Missionary Society. Their use of material sent out from the World Call office made the program quite unique. Two short plays, or skits, "The Two Travelers," and "Animated World Call," were presented. This is the first time I have known of more than one being used for a single program, but I like the idea. There are lots of possibilities in such a combination, and the Canadian group seemed to find it most interesting. Mrs. Leslie concludes her letter by saying, "A large percentage of our church homes subscribe to World Call."

Every now and then a complaint comes from a program leader that World Call is not received in time for the mission study material to be used. It really is though, for the worship and mission study pages are carried a month in advance. For instance, this issue for June carries the study and worship suggestions for July. World Call is in the mail each month by the beginning of the last week in the month preceeding the date of the issue—ample time for preparation for the program over a month later. If you should hear somebody make this complaint, tell her to look under the title for the date the material is to be used. It is always there!

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Most sincerely,
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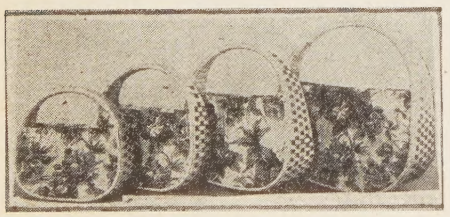

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Councils	333,830.02	55,998.26	5,694.00	1,639.32
Young Matrons' Missionary Societies	5,732.23	4,458.24	330.00	280.50
Guilds	27,199.70	26,863.18	417.18	776.30
Youth Groups	23,175.87	23,034.91	278.67	780.19
Children's Groups	2,077.77	2,752.44	198.94	131.14
Individuals	10,234.12	20,203.38	16,676.71	39,797.65
Grand Totals	$1,193,484.61	$1,366,797.76	$109,514.15	$163,775.44
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Last Column

Many of the beggars in India are really religious mendicants, although others are blind, lame, or lepers. Some beggars have complained about being classified in a disparaging category. So, when the census is taken this year in the State of Bombay, beggars will be classified as self-supporting.

—Esther Bonham

To a Graduate

O I would have for you
A soul that sings through strife . . .
Ears attuned to music
And a mind that values life!

—Mayme Garner Miller

A Child's Influence

There is a touching story of a little girl who was to undergo an operation. The physician said to her, as he was about to place her on the operating table: "Before we can make you well we must put you to sleep."

The little girl looked up and smilingly said: "Oh, if you are going to put me to sleep I must say my prayers first." She knelt beside the table and prayed:

"Now I lay me down to sleep:
I pray thee, Lord, my soul to keep;
If I should die before I wake
I pray thee, Lord, my soul to take."

The surgeon said later that he prayed that night for the first time in thirty years. —*Copied*

What Really Counts

It is not so much what parents do or try to do for their children that counts—it is what they are that really counts. It's too bad that children have such keen insight into parents and can actually see them as they are. That surely must be the reason it is so difficult to lead children to Christianity—for seeing with such uncanniness the lack of Christianity in their parents, children lacking hypocrisy may like to give this non-Christian life they observed in their parents a try.

On the other hand, isn't it wonderful that parents can lead children into Christianity by their own beautiful spiritual lives? Isn't it wonderful that parents can develop in children the attitudes of love, good will, faithfulness, reverence for prayer, devotion to daily Bible readings, because children can see this in them.

Isn't it wonderful that it is not what you do for a child that counts, but what the parents are that really influences him.

—Robert Dady

In order to please people you must begin by trying to understand them. Once you understand them the rest is easy. They will tell you what to do next.

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